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makes movie magic
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Alum Brigadier General **William Ward**
on service to our nation

FALL 2017

During the annual Welcome Week picnic on Aug. 21, attention turned skyward for the 90-percent partial eclipse visible over campus.





FROM THE EDITOR

Dear alumni and friends,

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

It’s a quote often attributed to Mahatma Gandhi and an idea we celebrate in this Fall 2017 edition of Crossroads Magazine – service to your country, to your community, to total strangers in need.

Take a few moments to read about Brigadier General William Ward, who was recruited from Missouri Southern’s ROTC program in 1984 and has had a lengthy career with the National Guard. We share stories from our Show-Me Gold officer training program and the assistance offered to student veterans making the transition from “boots to books.”

You’ll also hear from Amanda Hosp, a sophomore majoring in social work, who volunteered with the Red Cross at a shelter in Texas following Hurricane Harvey, as well as senior public relations major Kendrick Carlock, who spent his summer working with teens at a non-profit program in St. Louis.

In addition to those profiles, you’ll also meet theater alum James Jordan, who recently appeared on the big screen in an acclaimed thriller – as well as a social sciences professor who is taking a road trip through Missouri’s history.

If you have a story idea, photo or favorite memory you’d like to share with us, we want to hear from you! Email us anytime at crossroads@mssu.edu.

Also, be sure to contact us at alumniassoc@mssu.edu to update your email address. This will make sure you receive our monthly edition of Crossroads Online, which features new stories and upcoming alumni events each month.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season, and we’ll catch up with you again in the spring!

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Alan D. Marble

DR. ALAN D. MARBLE, Ph.D.
CLASS OF 1979



Dear friends,

We have many things to be thankful for here at Missouri Southern State University, but our faithful alumni, friends and patrons are at the top of the list. So, allow me to give you a brief update on some of the exciting activities occurring at your university.

This fall, we recorded the second-largest enrollment in the university's history, and the third-largest freshman class. Our Lion Pride Tuition program is becoming a major draw for out-of-state students, and recruitment efforts are paying dividends in all areas.

Renovations to Reynolds Hall – our science and mathematics building – have been completed, and we've set our sights on several other projects designed to increase our ability to carry out our mission.

This semester, we began the process of developing a new Strategic Plan for Missouri Southern. It's an undertaking that begins with re-examining our mission, vision and values, and it requires the participation of as many people as possible.

Accordingly, faculty and staff members were invited to the table to share their thoughts and feelings during a series of Stakeholder Engagement Sessions. Their vital input, along with student and community member suggestions, will be shared with the Board of Governors as we chart a path forward as an institution.

Our faculty continue to outdistance their peers through terrific instruction, incredible service and a growing excitement for research. Their devotion to scholarly activities in their various fields of expertise is of tremendous significance to our reputation as an institution of higher learning. And, best of all, students are the ultimate beneficiaries of the work these dedicated professionals perform daily.

The support staff at Missouri Southern are among the most dedicated to be found anywhere. Staff members from every segment of the university work long hours to make sure students are provided the best experience possible.

The Division of University Advancement is constantly expanding our database and communicating with more of our alumni than ever before. The magazine you are holding is just one component of our outreach efforts, because staying in touch with our Lion family is extremely important to us.

As we celebrate 50 years here at the Mission Hills campus, we look forward to the bright future that awaits all of us as we continue this journey together.

Thank you to all Lions – past, present and future.

Alan

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VOICES OF SOUTHERN

AMANDA HOSP, Sophomore Social Work Major

In late August and early September, Hurricane Harvey hit the south Texas coast at Category 4 intensity. The storm caused 80 deaths in the United States and left more than 300,000 people without power. Amanda Hosp – a Missouri Southern sophomore social work major – was one of the many volunteers from around the country who rushed to the scene to help those impacted by the storm.

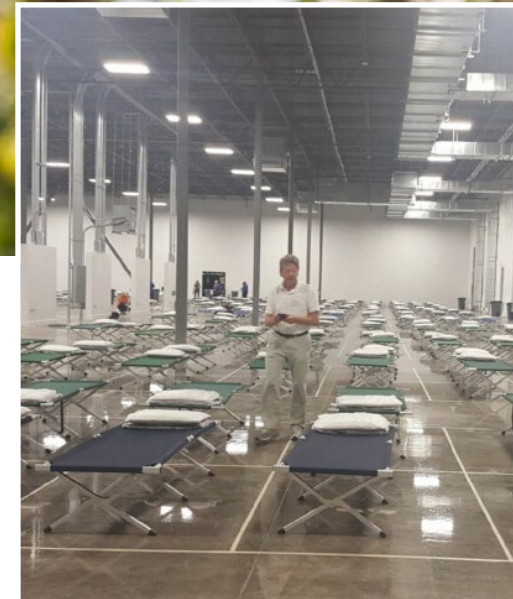
I saw a report about Hurricane Harvey on the news the night before it happened. I contacted my Red Cross chapter and they called me the next Monday morning. I packed my bags and got on a plane that day. It was the first time I had ever done anything like this.

I was based in the headquarters of the Red Cross in Austin, Texas. For the first three days, it was kind of chaotic as everyone teamed up together. At first, the shelter was going to be at the Austin Convention Center but the Red Cross ended up moving it to a mega-shelter at a church outside of Austin. We had about 3,500 people that came to that shelter. There were lots of families and lots of pets, as well.

All of the people came on buses. The buses came 10 at a time. It was not organized, but we did the best we could. I met a great group of people focused on the same thing I was focusing on – helping people get resources. The first two days I was there I was alone, but eventually I met a great group of people from around the world. We worked in the mega-shelter in mass care, helping people with everyday needs. The volunteers were a great group of people.

The fire department and police officers of Austin volunteered to put the cots out. They put numbers out

on each cot bed. They had cell phone chargers that had 20 cords so people could plug their phones in, like they have at the airports.



There was a kids' section with board games where one of the Red Cross volunteers that I met worked. She was involved through Hasbro Toys. Hasbro donated about \$2 million worth of toys, all brand new. We had a section outside with air conditioning and tents where the animals would be. Only service animals were allowed inside the shelter.

I met two homeless men who lived on the streets in downtown Austin. They were really nice gentlemen. One of them asked if I could get him a pair of socks. You know, they didn't ask me for money. They were willing to help volunteer, even though they were homeless. Sure enough, I was actually able to find a pair of socks for this guy. That memory stands out to me. I was able to help somebody there in Austin.

I feel my duty down there was to help people and give them resources and comfort. It gave me more of an understanding of disasters – how it is for people to lose their homes. It helped me to know what they're going through emotionally.

This experience gave me a better idea of why I want to do social work and study in that program.

GETTING SOCIAL

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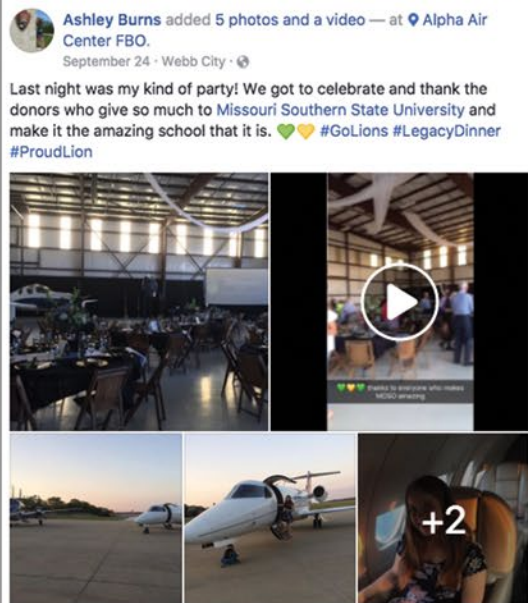
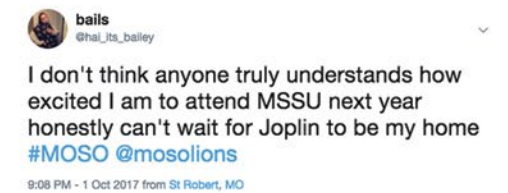
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by our **Lion students and alumni**

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"God & Country"

The Jolly Bethel Church
near Pierce City, Mo.

When I was walking around looking through the windows of the old weathered structure, I saw the church pews sitting neatly in rows and the pulpit up front, all ready for the next sermon.

When I rounded the back side of the church, there was a window with an American flag stuck on the sash.

For me, that one photograph portrays my American priorities – God and country – without either of which, I would not have what I have in my life today!

Jane Ballard

Photographer,
Missouri Southern alum
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AROUND CAMPUS



FIRST YOURS TO LOSE COHORT RECEIVES GREEN COATS

“We wanted
something
symbolic of
their journey at
Missouri Southern
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The first Yours to Lose – Advanced Medical School Acceptance Program students were welcomed into their new cohort with a Green Coat Ceremony in August just before fall classes began.

The Yours to Lose program is an exclusive, one-of-a-kind partnership with Kansas City University. It allows a group of Missouri Southern students to be admitted to KCU’s new Joplin medical school at the same time they are accepted to MSSU.

As pre-med students, they will obtain their bachelor’s degrees in biology during an accelerated, three-year course of study before seamlessly transitioning into their first year of medical school. The program will not require them to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT).

“When you start medical school, you attend a white-coating ceremony,” said Dr. Donna Johnson, advisor for the Yours to Lose program. “We wanted something symbolic of their journey at Missouri Southern and what’s ahead of them.”

For a look at what their first semester journey has been like, check out our upcoming December edition of Crossroads Online (email alumniassoc@mssu.edu) or follow MSSU on Facebook.

MISSOURI SOUTHERN RECEIVES \$1 MILLION ESTATE GIFT

A regional aviation pioneer's estate recently presented Missouri Southern with a \$1 million gift that will benefit students in need.

The gift, from the estate of the late Harrison and June Harper, will add to an existing endowed scholarship created by the Harpers. The scholarship is for upper-division students who demonstrate financial need. The estate gift will greatly increase the number of students who benefit from the scholarship.

Harrison Harper was a pioneer in local aviation history. The Valentine, Neb., native moved to Carthage, Mo., in 1931 and took over the airport there. Two years later, he began maintaining Joplin's first airport, which was located near West Seventh Street, across from Schifferdecker Golf Course. He ran operations for both airports until 1935.

In the late 1930s, Harper was instrumental in establishing a civil aviation training school in conjunction with Joplin Junior College. The program – under the auspices of the Federal Civil Aeronautics Authority – provided 72 hours of ground school training, followed by additional hours of flight training at the Joplin airport. He gave flying lessons using a 50-horsepower motorized Piper Cub trainer plane.

He returned to Joplin after World War II and established Harper's Airport near the Joplin airport, which he operated from 1948 to 1953. He retired from airport operations that year, relocating to Grand Lake. He passed away in October of 1977.

Harper was recognized as a distinguished member of the OX5 Club of America, open only to aviators who had flying experience in OX5's prior to Dec. 31, 1940. Legendary pilots Jimmy Doolittle and Eddie Rickenbacker were also members of this renowned group.

TO DISCUSS A PLANNED GIFT, CONTACT THE MSSU OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AT 417-625-9615.

TWENTY-EIGHT STUDENTS NAMED HUMPHREYS SCHOLARS

Twenty-eight students were named as Humphreys Scholars during the Fall 2017 semester at Missouri Southern.

The Debra and David Humphreys Excellence Award was established in the spring following a \$1 million gift from the family. Recipients must live within 50 miles of Missouri Southern and major in biological and physical sciences, mathematics, education, accounting, finance, engineering technology or computer science. Students participating in the Yours to Lose – Advanced Medical School Acceptance Program are also eligible.

The award recipients are Caitlin Brock, Adam Haddock, James Nguyen, Katlyn Powers, Jesse Brumit, Alec Fehring, Matt Gruenberg, Layne Karhoff, Rachael Polen, Garrett Dunn, Joshua Painter, Melody Cunningham, Caley Hardison, Cade Hensley, Jordan McGonigal, Lance Myers, Lora Rooffener, Kennedy Tool, Allyson Armstrong, Jayson Beard, Bailie Broadwater, Deana Roller, Emily Dagnan, Willow Jones, Taylor Pryor, Natasha Rowe, Chelsey Schoelzel and Emily Trejo.

The funds received by the students cover at least half of their tuition for the school year.

You can see the hardworking recipients on page 38.

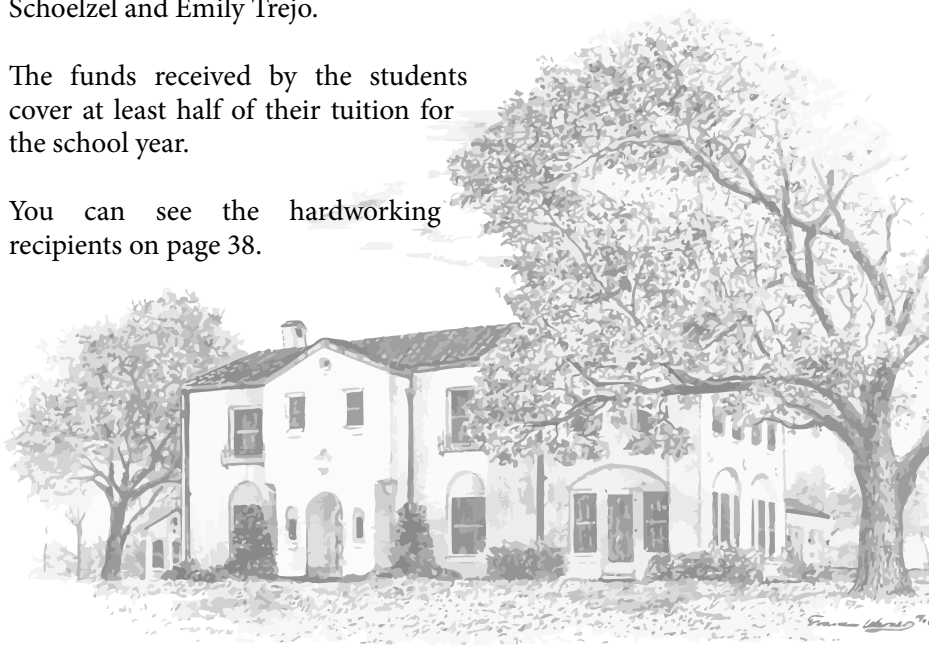


HONORS HOSTS BESTSELLING WRITER ALAN LIGHTMAN

The Honors Program hosted a visit by physicist and bestselling novelist Alan Lightman in early October.

Lightman is the author of "Einstein's Dreams," a bestseller that has been translated into 30 languages. The novel is required reading this semester for freshmen in Missouri Southern's Honors Program. He founded the graduate program in science writing at MIT, where he is a professor of the practice of the humanities, and is a frequent guest on NPR and other radio programs.

His visit to campus included a community reading and book signing.



BRAD BELK JOINS MSSU AS COMMUNITY HISTORIAN

Brad Belk, longtime director of Joplin Historical & Mineral Museums Inc., has joined Missouri Southern as community historian.

He began serving as the university's expert on regional history and historic preservation in July after many years of partnering with Missouri Southern on a variety of projects.

A past recipient of the 2006 Missouri Governor's Humanities Award and Missouri Southern State University's Lion-Hearted Award in 2012, Belk has worked for 30 years as a practicing public historian.

He has authored seven books and co-authored four more. His books range from the 100-year corporate history of the Empire District Electric Company and the story of the Joplin Ronald McDonald House, to capturing the 75-year history of Missouri Southern State University.

While serving as a valuable resource to the university, he is continuing his efforts to preserve and tell the story of Joplin and the historic residential district called Murphysburg.



DENTAL HYGIENE RECEIVES GIFT FROM PROGRAM GRADUATE

The Dental Hygiene program at Missouri Southern has received a substantial gift from a graduate who hopes it will inspire others to give back.

Ken and Deanna Caviness of Joplin will provide \$200,000 of funding over the next four years. The gift will benefit faculty research and professional development, provide technology updates to aid instruction, and fund student research presentations. The couple has also issued a challenge to other supporters of the dental hygiene program to raise an additional \$50,000, which they will then match by extending their gift to a fifth year.

Deanna Caviness graduated from the Dental Hygiene program in 1994 and currently serves on its advisory board.

"We hope this gift will inspire others to support the Dental Hygiene program, as well," she said.



ARCHER, HACKETT NAMED INTERIM DEANS

Along with a new dean for the Plaster School of Business (meet Dr. Jeffrey Zimmerman on page 44), two familiar faces have stepped into interim leadership roles.

Dr. Marsi Archer has been named interim dean of the university's School of Arts & Sciences. She follows Dr. Richard Miller, who retired as dean at the end of the spring semester.

She joined the MSSU faculty in 1998 as an assistant professor, reaching associate professor status in 2003 and full professor in 2009. She has served as department chair for Chemical and Physical Sciences since 2010.

Following the retirement of Dr. Deborah Brown, Lorinda Hackett was named interim dean of the School of Education.

She began her career at Missouri Southern as a teacher certification officer, and became an assistant professor and full-time instructor in 2006. She became an associate professor in 2013 and served as chair of the Teacher Education Department starting in 2015.



UNIVERSITY RECEIVES PIONEER AWARD FOR GREAT GAME OF EDUCATION

Missouri Southern has been nationally recognized for its efforts to spread the philosophy of open-book management across campus.

In September, the university was named the recipient of the 2017 Pioneer Award during the 25th annual Gathering of the Games Conference in Dallas, Texas.

The world's largest open-book management conference confers the award each year to a company or organization that is the first in their field to implement and practice the methodology of the Great Game of Business, and do so at a high level. The Pioneer Award was accepted on the university's behalf by Bill Gipson, vice-chair of the university's Board of Governors.

The Great Game of Education is modeled on the open-book management principles developed by Jack Stack, president and CEO of SRC Holdings. His philosophy of involving everyone in financial decisions was outlined in his 1994 book "The Great Game of Business."

Missouri Southern has offered many sessions and activities to help employees better understand the university's finances. A scoreboard was created so that everyone could follow the institution's financial progress, and campus-wide and departmental "minigames" were introduced to set goals, energize participants and facilitate long-term improvement.

The result has been the creation of a culture of openness, employee involvement and financial awareness across campus.



STADLER NAMED TO IBM ADVISORY BOARD

Albert Stadler, Missouri Southern's Chief Information Officer, has been selected to serve on a new advisory board for IBM that will help develop academic curriculum for the field of cyber security.

Stadler – who has been with MSSU for 18 years – was one of several candidates from around the country who were nominated to serve on the panel. Members meet to help the company develop a virtual cyber security lab, based on requirements shared by top academics.

"It's a unique opportunity to be named to the board and to be able to give input," said Stadler. "The industry believes there will be an extreme shortage of qualified people in this niche of the information technology industry ... as many as 1.5 million by 2020."

In addition to his service on the IBM panel, Stadler serves on the boards for the Missouri Education and Research Consortium (MERC) and the SANS Institute's education advisory board, as well as the REN-ISAC national security group. He was on the program committee for the latter group's recent inaugural Midwest members meeting hosted by the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois. He is the past chair of the MERC and Missouri Research and Education Network boards.

MISSOURI SOUTHERN SELECTED FOR STUDENT LOAN EXPERIMENT

Missouri Southern has been selected by the U.S. Department of Education as the only university in Missouri to participate in a national experiment designed to lower the number of students who default on their student loans.

The experiment consists of many initiatives, including counseling sessions led by peer mentors for students who have taken out loans. It also includes standard entrance and exit counseling, while a treatment group receives additional sessions during their sophomore and junior years. The Department of Education will study the data to see if the extra counseling has changed borrowing habits.

"We're hoping people will learn wise borrowing habits that will help them through life," said Sharon Fraser, default prevention counselor.



MSSU IN TALKS FOR FORMER LIBRARY

Missouri Southern's plan to open a branch campus in Downtown Joplin is taking a promising step forward, with the university moving closer toward the acquisition of the former Joplin Public Library building at 300 S. Main St.

In August, a presentation was offered to Joplin City Council members by university administrators and Missouri Southern Foundation leadership. The council viewed conceptual designs and heard how private giving would allow the university to transform the building into a home for one or more academic programs. Following the presentations, the council voted in favor of allowing the city attorney to work on a plan with university and foundation officials.

Over the last several months, representatives from Missouri Southern worked with the city of Joplin and the Downtown Joplin Alliance to discuss the financial and structural

viability of the proposal. Architects and real estate development consultants also weighed in on discussions, said Dr. Brad Hodson, executive vice president.

"Having thoroughly studied the issue – from the infrastructure costs to the pros and cons of the idea – the task force determined that the building would be a great fit for the university," he said.

Hodson also shared Phase Two of Missouri Southern's plans for a downtown expansion with the council, which would include working with a private developer to acquire the Christman and Howsmons buildings downtown for additional programs and student housing.



RECEPTION HELD TO HONOR REYNOLDS HALL DONORS

Breaking a ceremonial bottle of champagne wouldn't have seemed appropriate to christen the newly renovated Reynolds Hall. Instead, donors shattered bouquets of bright yellow flowers doused in liquid nitrogen at a special reception recognizing their generosity earlier this semester.

Reynolds Hall was one of the first buildings constructed at the university in the late 1960s. The building is named for

the late L.R. Reynolds, an original member of the Board of Trustees and Board of Regents.

The recent renovations to the first floor included construction of tiered classrooms, biology labs and math classrooms, a student study room and computer area. Work on the third floor included chemical and physical science classes and labs, a tiered classroom and faculty offices.

"These renovations, along with new science programs and scholarships, are allowing us pursue a different caliber of student," said Dr. James Donelson, head of the Department of Chemical and Physical Sciences.



MOSO APPAREL SALES ON THE RISE

Missouri Southern apparel is gaining popularity, with sales increasing by nearly 30 percent over the last few years.

Learfield Licensing Partners has helped the university place more merchandise in area stores than ever before. This fall, interest in carrying the Missouri Southern license, which enables vendors to produce and sell branded merchandise, has been at an all-time high.

To keep up with the latest items, follow @MOSO_Merch on Twitter. To shop for items for your favorite Lion this holiday season, visit www.mssubookstore.com or www.mssushop.com.



DEVELOPING A NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

A deep dive into Missouri Southern's mission, vision and values as an institution of higher education was the focus of a series of stakeholder engagement sessions held on campus during the fall semester.

The sessions, which were open to the entire campus, were designed as a transparent and inclusive effort to help guide the university's development of a new strategic plan for 2018-2023.

"I've been very excited about this process, which was driven by our Board of Governors," said Dr. Alan Marble, who opened each of the sessions. "It's an efficient and novel way for us to chart a path forward."

The meetings were designed to give all attendees an equal voice, and to ensure a united outcome.

Attendees were asked about words and critical concepts they feel are important to the university. In a second round of sessions, they participated in a SWOT analysis to help identify Missouri Southern's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

To complement the meetings, online surveys were offered for those who couldn't attend to make their voice heard.

"We're taking these different words and concepts and constructing a mission statement that reflects a shared understanding," said Dr. Paula Carson, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. "We'll match it with what members of the Board of Governors have developed, and by the end of the academic year, we'll have the first draft of our new strategic plan."

Melissa Forsythe, Spiva Library's administrative coordinator and acquisition specialist, attended both sessions and was impressed with the process of developing the new plan.

"It felt like the administrators were very accessible and listening to everyone's input," she said. "Everyone was a part of creating the big picture for Missouri Southern."

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Mixing it up

Alumni Association takes its show on the road to make connections

The Missouri Southern Alumni Association put in some miles during the summer and fall semesters.

Activities have included trips to see the Kansas City Royals and Northwest Arkansas Naturals play ball, mixers in Springfield, Monett and Bentonville, Ark., and a tour of the new Wonders of Wildlife Museum & Aquarium.

Along the way, they have helped to showcase the renovations to Reynolds Hall and the Plaster School of Business during MOSO Monday events, hosted reunions during Homecoming celebrations and brought some cold treats for alumni to enjoy during the recent Third Thursday event in downtown Joplin.

“It’s been a great semester,” says Alumni Director Lee Elliff Pound. “We’ve been able to travel a lot and reconnect with many members of our Lion family.”

To keep up with Alumni Association events, check out their page on the MSSU website or call 417-659-LION (5466).



PRIDE AND PURPOSE

Nominees Sought for Lion Hearted and Spirit of Service Awards

We'll be recognizing two deserving supporters at a new event during a basketball game this year and we need your help! You can nominate someone for one of two awards to be given at Pride & Purpose Day on at the Lions basketball game vs. Central Missouri on Saturday, Feb. 10.

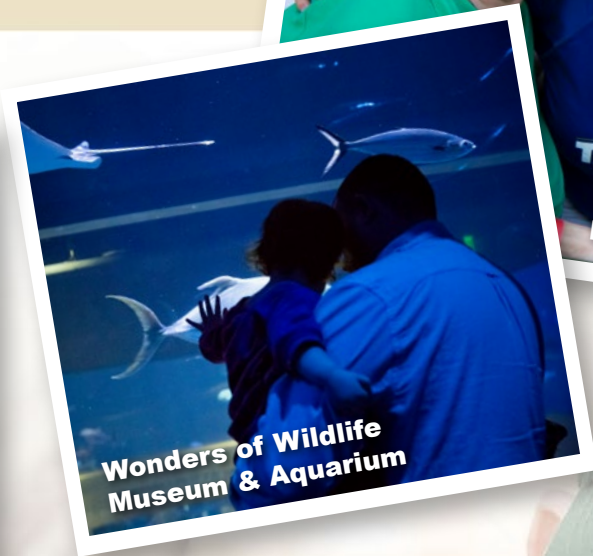
The Lion Hearted Award: Given to individuals who have made significant contributions to the university. The award is based on outstanding service, financial support, student recruitment, or other efforts to improve Joplin Junior College or Missouri Southern State University. Nominees do not have to be alums of the university.

Spirit of Service Award: Given to an alum of Missouri Southern making significant contributions to their community through their time, actions, talents and dedication (outside any required volunteer work done for their employer). The nominee should demonstrate an outstanding passion for helping others in their community. Nominees do not have to live in or impact the Joplin or surrounding communities.

Make your nominations online at www.mssu.edu/alumni. For more information, call 417-659-LION (5466).



Northwest Arkansas
Naturals Game



Wonders of Wildlife
Museum & Aquarium



Northwest Arkansas
Naturals Game





King & Queen



KING: HAROUN KOROMA

Year: Sophomore | **Major:** Marketing

Hometown: St. Louis

After graduation: "I want to go back home. Hopefully, I'll have a job ready by the time I graduate. I want to be a marketing executive."

QUEEN: ASHLEY HAYES

Year: Sophomore | **Major:** Social work, with a minor in history

Hometown: St. Louis

After graduation: "I'd like to go back to my high school and start a foundation where we can teach kids that education is the key component to their future."



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HOMECOMING ALUMNI AWARDS



EMILY (PETTY) DREDD OUTSTANDING ALUM

As a global operations executive, entrepreneur, and women and girls advocate, Dredd has worked at the highest levels of government, event production and athletic competition. Her multifaceted experiences and her quick ability to provide ease and trust to any situation, have made her a sought-after advisor across industries.

Most recently, Dredd oversaw the coordination of domestic and international events and official visits for President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden. In this role, she worked closely with government officials, law enforcement and media to carry out historic events in nearly all 50 states and 23 countries. She led the administration's first official visits to India, England, Kenya, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Peru. She also participated in a series of international delegation visits focused on women and girls and their evolving roles as community leaders and stewards of culture change.

She also served as a senior advisor to Eric Holder, the 82nd Attorney General of the United States. She was part of the executive team at the National Women's Business Council, whose bipartisan mission is to advise the President, Congress and the Small Business Administration on women entrepreneurs and their enterprises.

Dredd is also an accomplished professional athlete, and has competed internationally in cycling and triathlon, proudly wearing the TEAM USA jersey at the world championships in 2007.

Today, she teaches holistic health and trains athletes via her wellness consulting business. Dredd graduated summa cum laude from Missouri Southern and studied abroad at Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla in Puebla, Mexico. She currently resides in San Francisco.



MATT HALL DISTINGUISHED ALUM

Matt Hall Studios is the primary publisher of the historical artwork of artist Matt Hall. Established in the Texas hill country just outside of Austin, where he lives with his wife and three sons, the studio is a partnership between artist Hall and military historian James Fenelon. The studio's mission is to bring moments of history alive by accurately depicting the stories and sacrifices of military veterans.

A traditionally trained artist, Hall has a fine arts degree from Missouri Southern. His career in illustration and television production took a unique turn when he was hired as an art director at DreamWorks Studios. There he had the opportunity to work directly with Steven Spielberg on many projects including battle of Iwo Jima concept art for the movie "Flags of Our Fathers." He also worked as an art director for DreamWorks' "Medal of Honor" video game series, which provided him the occasion to work with the Congressional Medal of Honor Society by creating a series of paintings depicting recipients of our nation's top award for bravery.

Today, Hall is an internationally known artist, and his lithographs are sought by collectors from around the world, including Prince Charles and President George W. Bush, both of whom have original work by Hall in their collections. His paintings include the Tuskegee Airmen, the "Band of Brothers" and the Marines in the Pacific theater.

Having started his commercial career in military and aviation art by creating commissioned artwork for other publishers, he launched his own studio to showcase his work and make his projects directly available to the public.

Hall's list of clients includes Disney, the American Legion, LucasArts and many U.S. military organizations.



RODERIQUE FAMILY OUTSTANDING FAMILY AWARD

Will Roderique obtained a BSBA in accounting from Missouri Southern in 1991. His wife, Cheryl (Chapman) Roderique, holds a BSBA in marketing/management from MSSU.

The Roderiques are well-known in the Four-State Area business community. Will co-founded Baker Davis Roderique, CPAs, in 1996. Cheryl's career in banking has spanned more than 25 years. She currently is senior vice president and mortgage loan manager for Arvest Bank in Joplin.

Will is a 25-year member of the Webb City R-7 Board of Education and currently is Board president. He is a member of the Webb City R-7 Foundation Board; Webb City Cars as a MUSCLE door greeter for Mark Twain Elementary school third-graders; current treasurer and past president of the MSSU Alumni Association Board of Directors; member of the MSSU Plaster School of Business Advisory Board; volunteer for Webb City Youth Football; and coach for many of his children's football, baseball and basketball teams over the years.

Cheryl is a member of the Mercy Carthage Board of Directors; past president of the Webb City Chamber of Commerce; Webb City Cares Advisory Board member; and a Joplin OGAR volunteer. Will and Cheryl have co-chaired the Annual Turkey Dinner, a community event that serves approximately 2,200 diners each November at Sacred Heart Church, for several years.

They are the parents of three children: Scott (a teacher and coach in Webb City); Jay, a senior at MSSU; and Abby, a sophomore at MSSU.

'BRIGHTLY MAY ITS LIGHT SHINE'

Hundreds gather for rededication ceremony





A large crowd of people gathered in front of the stage set up in front of Hearn's Hall. They wore coats, bracing themselves against the cold as they heard from a group of speakers who detailed the history and significance of the establishment of Missouri Southern at the Mission Hills campus.

That was the scene on Oct. 29, 1967.

It was a scene that was mirrored – right down to the chill in the air – as the campus was rededicated on Friday, Oct. 27, 2017, during a celebration of the university's 50 years at Mission Hills.

"One thing that hasn't changed in the 50 years since I was here at the first event is that this is the windiest and coldest place in town," said Sen. Ron Richard, president pro tem of the Missouri Senate, to laughter from those bundled up in the audience.

The sense of history was at the forefront of the Golden anniversary ceremony, which began with a prayer of rededication based on the prayer offered at the 1967 event. It was delivered by Richard Webster Jr., son of the late Sen. Richard M. Webster, whose name graces the communications and social sciences building that opened in 1992.

"We come before you in all humility to rededicate this portion of your beautiful land to education and the enlightenment of our students, both present and in generations to come ... so that brightly may its light shine," he said.

Brad Belk, Missouri Southern's community historian, detailed the work that went into establishing the new, four-year college back in 1967, as well as the selection of the Mission Hills estate as its new home.

Paul Shipman, the university's former vice president for business affairs, shared how his friend – the late Dr. Leon Billingsly, Missouri Southern's first president – approached him about taking a position at the new campus.

"There was an aura of excitement because of this wonderful development that was unfolding," he said. "There was a sense of cooperation."

That same sense of cooperation extended all the way down to moving day. College students joined with faculty, staff and others to make the move from downtown Joplin into the four new buildings on the

Mission Hills campus shortly before classes began, Shipman said.

The ceremony also featured remarks from Mary Jane Riggs, daughter of Fred G. Hughes – former publisher of the Joplin Globe and an extremely vocal champion of the establishment of Missouri Southern – and Connie Godwin, daughter of Dr. Leon Billingsly. Both were young girls at the time and share fond memories of the college's early days.

Godwin, who now serves as an instructor in MSSU's Teacher Education Department, said that her parents would visit the campus every evening to drive around during its construction.

"I remember every brick of every building that was laid on this campus," she said, recalling that she would often play in the Mission Hills barn and swimming pool (which has since become the Biology Pond). "This campus was a wonderland for me. I had a horse that I rode here before the buildings were created. This campus is very near and dear to my heart."

Sen. Richard presented a proclamation from the Missouri Senate, while children of seven of the university's founding fathers lit a lantern symbolic of their fathers' commitment to the university's future.

Gov. Warren Hearnes, in his 1967 dedication of the campus, called Missouri Southern "a catalyst for progress ... and perhaps your primary gift to the future." He also praised the "do-it-yourself" spirit that made the dream of a four-year college in Joplin a reality.

In his remarks, Dr. Alan Marble – the fifth and current president of Missouri Southern – said the same spirit is alive and well.

"We will look back at this time as our gift to the future," he said. "It's a gift made possible by members of this wonderful Lion family, all part of the miracle of Missouri Southern."



Floyd Belk, a former administrator with the university, attended the rededication in his original letter sweater.

HIS 'WORD WAS HIS WORD'

In recognition of MSSU's 50th Anniversary Campus Rededication event, Betty Hearnese, widow of former Gov. Warren Hearnese, wrote this letter to the Missouri Southern family. She currently resides in Charleston, Mo.

Dear Friends,

Let me begin this letter by thanking you for recognizing my husband, Governor Warren E. Hearnese, on the 50th year celebration of the establishment of Missouri Southern State University as a four year institution of higher learning. I'm very sorry I am unable to be with you today, but know I am certainly with you in spirit for this event.

The stories I remember about the creation of this college would take you well into the evening, and possibly even into tomorrow morning, so I will make every attempt to be brief in my recollections.

As some may recall, Warren served in the Missouri House of Representatives for 10 years, four of which he held the position of Majority Floor Leader. Prior to becoming Governor, he served four years as Secretary of State. During these years, Warren developed a true friendship with members of both parties - members whom he greatly respected and members who greatly respected him. Although differences of opinion certainly existed, civility, bipartisanship, compromise, concession, negotiation, and finding the middle ground took precedence.

In his first inaugural address, Warren stated, "The change we offer is fresh ideas, fresh faces, fresh attitudes and fresh dreams - dreams of a society which can, if necessary, rise above party politics, which can build a state emblematic of the times in which we live and symbolic of a government worthy of emulation." He further stated "We have faith in Missouri that believes problems can be intelligently discussed and their solutions openly and fairly arrived at." End quote.

Remember those words - "rise above party politics."

When the 73rd General Assembly convened on January 6, 1965, there was little, if any, need for bipartisanship. In the House of Representatives, there were 123 Democrats and 40 Republicans. In the Senate there were 23 Democrats and 11 Republicans. Theoretically, a Governor and his party's overwhelming majority could basically do whatever they wanted without the help of the minority party. But Warren simply didn't work that way. He truly wanted to build a state emblematic of its time. He trusted and was trusted.

So let me share with you the beginnings of Missouri Southern.

The first attempt to establish a four year college in Joplin passed the General Assembly but was vetoed in 1963 by Governor Dalton, who stated he felt this was a budgetary problem because too many educational funds were being allocated within the University of Missouri system.

After the 1964 gubernatorial primary, in which Warren won the Democratic nomination, Senator Dick Webster and Representative Robert Ellis Young from the Joplin area, Senator Johnny Downs from St. Joseph and House Minority Floor Leader R.J. "Bus" King from St. Louis met with Warren and said we want a college at Joplin, a college at St. Joseph and funding for other colleges throughout the state. Warren's response was supportive, but with one caveat: "I'll have to win the election and you'll have to vote the Democratic ticket. We won't get it unless you help me win." And so the process of working together began. I ask that you once again remember Warren's words - "rise above party politics."

Another great supporter of this effort was the editor of the Joplin Globe, Fred Hughes. He kept the issue on the front burner and was a tireless supporter of the

establishment of this college. The community and business support for this effort was unmatched, and Warren knew how important that was to the legislative success of this proposal.

A big dinner in Joplin was held for Warren and me during the campaign in which he announced his support for the establishment for a four year college. I believe it was at the Mickey Mantle Holiday Inn. As it is now, this area was a Republican stronghold, yet the room was packed. I remember leaning over to Dick Webster and saying, "How did you get all these people here for this dinner?" As usual, Dick minced no words. "I didn't tell them you were Democrats!"

Warren won the governor's race and immediately put to work his knowledge of the legislative and budgetary process. He knew his budget inside and out and could readily justify any proposed recommendations or cuts. He wanted to be certain that Senator Webster and Senator Downs were also fully informed about the appropriations for the proposed colleges and the actions of the Budget Committee and urged them to become active in this process.

In Warren's first State of the State address as Governor, he said this: "Higher education, beset with growing enrollments and insufficient financial support, keeps Missouri competitive for faculty requirements only with difficulty. With this realization, I know we must hasten to ready our state for the flood of students we must expect by 1970. Therefore, I have recommended the establishment of four year colleges at St. Joseph and Joplin. On the basis that these sites will be provided by the localities, I am recommending eighty thousand dollars for each campus for initial operations and planning." End quote.

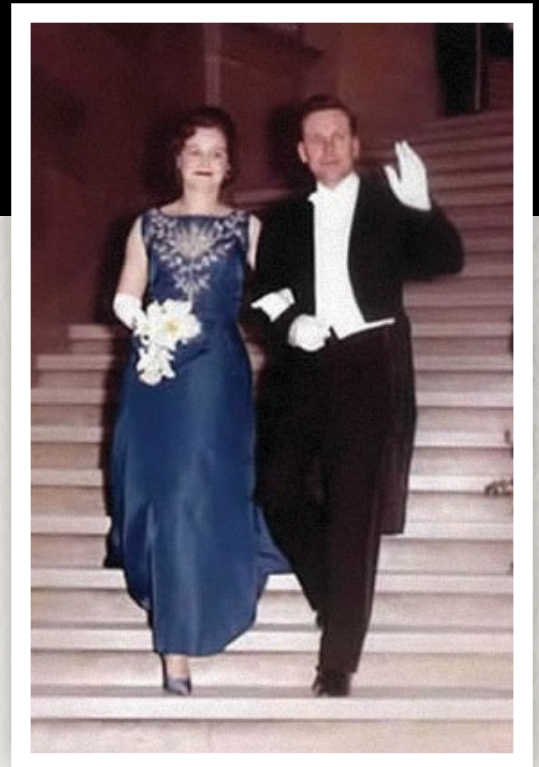
In short, Warren held up his end of the deal. House Bill 210 passed the Missouri legislature and was signed into law in Joplin on July 22, 1965. This truly was a successful example of how an upright and honest deal is made - with trust, with hard work, with facts, with constituent support and with bipartisan efforts.

My husband's word was his word. If he believed in something and knew it was the right thing to do, nothing could stop him. He believed in our state, our communities, and our children. I am proud to have been part of his life and his legacy.

I wish continued success to Missouri Southern State University and may it always positively affect the lives of our citizens.

Sincerely,

Betty C. Hearnese





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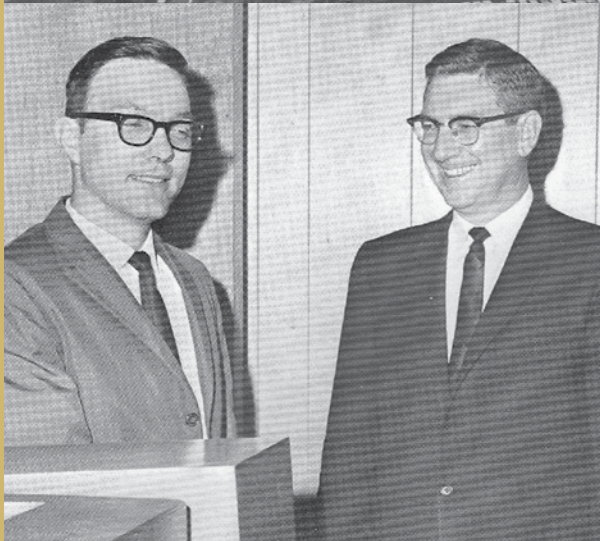
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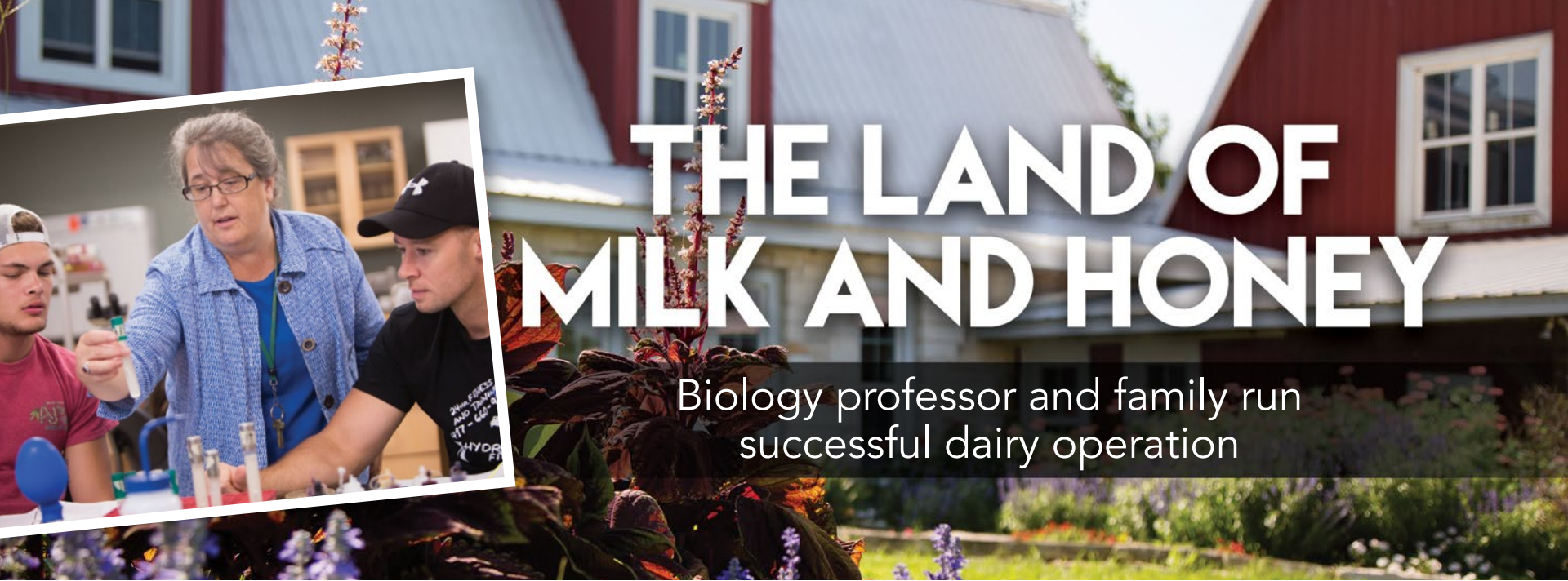


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THE LAND OF MILK AND HONEY

Biology professor and family run successful dairy operation

It's a late summer morning on the Lomah Dairy farm. The dairy's large red barn with a white roof sits just across the state line in Oklahoma, a few miles south of Seneca, Mo.

Outside, a symphony of sorts is going on. Thousands of cicadas drone together in the tall maple trees, the sound slowly fading away. Then, a moment later, their leitmotif begins again.

The dairy is owned and operated by the family of Dr. Donna Johnson, associate professor of biology and environmental health at Missouri Southern and coordinator of the Yours to Lose – Advanced Medical School Acceptance Program.

The Johnsons live next door to the dairy in a large country house. She and her husband, Stanley, their children and several employees work at the dairy.

It's a big job.

The cows have to be milked at 6 a.m. each morning and again at 5 p.m. in the evening. Cheese has to be made, flipped and processed. Milk has to be labeled, bottled and loaded.

Following milking, the Johnsons' Jersey heifers come outside to feast on weed-free alfalfa. The animals are clean, compact and bright-eyed. They drink from a stock tank filled with natural artesian spring water. Goldfish have been placed in the tank to consume algae in the water.

Lomah is an acronym for "Land of Milk and Honey," a reference to a passage from Isaiah:

"... because of the abundance of the milk produced he will eat curds, for everyone that is left within the land will eat curds and honey."

"At one time we sold honey, too," Johnson says. "That ended when honeybee population began to decline and our bees died several years ago."

The Johnsons, devout Quakers, sent their children to a private Mennonite school.

"We wake up and we work all day long," Johnson says. "Our children have a strong work ethic. They have an hour or two to do homework and then it's chore time."

Son Will, 18, and daughter Grace, almost 17, still work on the farm. Another son, John, 20, graduated from college and works as a diesel mechanic in Pennsylvania.

Johnson, a hard worker with a friendly smile, grew up on a farm near West Plains.

"The vets would come out to the farm every once in a while. I thought when I was just a little girl, 'This is the career for me.'"

Johnson followed through. She first attended MSU, then received her doctorate in veterinary medicine from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Stanley is also a veterinarian. The two met while working in northwest Arkansas. It was there that Donna developed a special interest in zoonotic illnesses –those that normally exist in animals but can infect humans, too.



A few years later, she began to teach at Missouri Southern, initially on an adjunct basis. Later she became full-time. Over the years, she has taught microbiology, anatomy and physiology, food safety and epidemiology.

The Lomah Honor store offers customers the chance to come in, choose the milk, cheese and yogurt product they want from a refrigerator and put their money in a slot on the wall. There is no cash register, no cashier.

The honor system has worked well. “We could probably count just three or four times in the last 15 years when someone hasn’t paid for something,” Johnson says.

A display case features a picture of “Baby” – Lomah’s “Cow of the Month.” A handwritten caption says the three-year-old Jersey loves exploring and feeding on pansies.

In order to keep within Oklahoma regulations, dairy sales only take place in the Sooner State.

The Lomah products are sold in Reasor’s Foods in the Tulsa area, at the Coffee House on Cherry Street and Topeca coffee shops in Tulsa, and at the Pioneer Woman Mercantile in Pawhuska, north of Tulsa in Osage County.

Several years ago, Johnson put on a new hat when the dairy decided to produce cheese.

She threw herself into the study of the effort which she calls “part art and part science.” She studied the cheese-making process in Vermont and Maine. On a trip to Canada she concentrated on the sanitation and cheese-room microbiology as well as affinage, the art of ripening cheese.

“Our top priority is to have wholesome, safe products,” she says.

This fall, in addition to her work at Missouri Southern, Johnson is teaching a class on zoonotic diseases at the new KCU Joplin medical school.

It’s just another day in the land of milk and honey.



‘WIND’ AT HIS BACK

JAMES JORDAN, '02, HOPES TO
CAPITALIZE ON ROLE IN NEW THRILLER



Getting a movie made is a difficult task, says James Jordan. And for that movie to be good?

“It’s like an impossibility,” says Jordan. “Every element has to come together ... the financing, the director, the cast.”

But when arriving on the set of “Wind River” in Park City, Utah, last year, Jordan found himself in a bit of a rarified situation.

“There was a silent hum ... an energy in the atmosphere,” he says. “We all knew we were making something special.”

The film has the potential to open more doors for the 2002 Missouri Southern graduate, who has spent more than a decade in Los Angeles, Calif., as a working actor.

Released in August, the thriller – which stars Jeremy Renner and Elizabeth Olsen – has found critical acclaim for its story of a wildlife officer who teams with an FBI agent after discovering the body of a young woman on an Indian reservation. The film was written and directed by Taylor Sheridan, who also penned

2015’s acclaimed “Sicario” and 2016’s Best Picture nominee “Hell or High Water.”

It has been hailed as a “terrific, offbeat and heart-pounding thriller” by the New York Observer, and a film that “packs an elemental power that knocks you for a loop” by Rolling Stone.

Jordan’s character in “Wind River” doesn’t appear until the film’s second act. And “appear” is probably the wrong term to use. The film quite literally comes to him.

“We filmed on the far western end of the mountain range that encompasses the Wind River reservation,” he says. “I was there for about three weeks. The weather was just like you see in the movie. There were moments where a snow storm blew in and an hour later it was sunshine and you could take your jacket off. Then the storm would roll right back in.”

Given the elements, the cast, a writer/director whose work he respected and the film’s gritty subject matter, Jordan says he knew he would have to up his game and be ready to “roll with the punches.”

Some of those punches were real, courtesy of actor Jon Bernthal (“The Punisher,” “Walking Dead”).

“We’re in a flashback scene together, and we went toe to toe,” says

Jordan. "He said, 'I'm going to hit you, and you're going to hit me.' It's the nature of the work."

Discovering what the work of an actor entails was a journey that started on stage in Taylor Performing Arts Center. His years at Missouri Southern were a formative period, he says, allowing him to hone his acting craft.

"I did play after play and developed a technique and style shaped by the faculty there," he says. "I created a set of tools for me to use that I refined at grad school."

Anne Jaros, a member of the Theater Department faculty, says Jordan was an exceptional student with an extremely positive outlook on life.

"That outlook was contagious and sent a positive vibe throughout the department," says Jaros.

After graduating in 2002, he was accepted into the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television. It was an intensive three-year period in which he was either in class, sleeping or working to memorize lines.

While there, Jordan appeared in "Kindred," a play written by a friend. The two-person production served as a showcase for his stage abilities, and it ran for nearly a year.

"I got an agent out of it and I was lucky enough to get my Screen Actors Guild card about a month after I graduated," he says.

He found that making a living as an actor in Los Angeles involves bouncing from television show to television show.

"I've been lucky to bounce around enough to create some momentum that's still running," says Jordan, who appeared in a two-season arc on the cult mystery series "Veronica Mars" as well as several episodes of HBO's "True Blood." He's also appeared in roles in shows ranging from "24" to "Justified" and "Fargo."

He'll be seen next year in "The Endless," a thriller directed by Justin Benson and Aaron Moorhead.

"I've got a great team of agents and managers, and we're taking time looking for the right parts," he says. "Hopefully, each door is a little more open than the last one you went through. Right now, I'm riding the wave that 'Wind River' has created."



After filming a fight scene, Jordan takes a break with "Wind River" star Jeremy Renner.

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'A UNITY OF EFFORT'

Brigadier General William Ward
says military journey began
with ROTC

The recruitment ceremony was held in the spring of 1984, with the officer candidates from the ROTC program gathered in the ballroom of Billingsly Student Center.

For Brigadier General William Ward, it was a moment that saw him continuing in his father's footsteps. It would also prove to be a launching pad for a long and distinguished career with the National Guard.

The Neosho native says he wanted to pursue a career similar to his father – a civil engineer who served as an officer in the Army during the Korea and Vietnam conflicts.

"I decided to go to Missouri Southern to get my engineering basics, math and general sciences out of the way," says Ward. "It was close and a really good school."

"In high school, I never had to study much, but I figured out that it takes a lot more effort to get through college. Having smaller classes and developing relationships with my instructors really had an impact on my ability to learn ... it was really beneficial to making that transition."

While attending Missouri Southern, he joined the ROTC – then a satellite program through Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State) in Springfield.

"The ROTC program at Missouri Southern was pretty strong,"

he says. "At any one time, we had 20 to 30 personnel."

A licensed engineer in the state of Oklahoma, Ward went on to obtain his bachelor's in civil engineering from the University of Missouri and his master of science in strategic studies from the United States Army War College.

He currently serves in three positions – one as a civilian and two for the National Guard. He's the engineering division chief at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Okla., overseeing design and construction of the facilities there – a position that provides plenty of challenges, he says.

"But my main job is the assistant adjutant general for Missouri, working in Jefferson City," he says. "It's a dual-hat position, in which I also serve as the deputy chief of engineering for National Guard Affairs in Washington, D.C."

In Jefferson City, he works to make sure the units under him are trained, equipped and ready to go if called upon. The latter position has him serving as a liaison between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the National Guard in the event of a major national disaster, in order to create a "unity of effort" and make sure neither organization is doing something that will hinder the work of the other.

"I travel a lot. I'm in Missouri at least a weekend a month, usually for two or three days," he says. "If there's not a major

disaster going on, I try to get up to Washington, D.C., once a quarter for a few days at a time.”

During his career, Ward has served overseas nine times, including deployments to Honduras, Panama and Costa Rica, training exercises in Korea, Japan and Tanzania, and two combat tours as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“The two combat tours in Iraq were significant,” he says. “Both times I was able to apply my engineering schooling on the civilian side, not only helping our forces but the Iraqis. We worked on schools, roads and bridges that directly helped their people. I get a lot of satisfaction out of using my civilian-acquired skills.

“Most of our deployments are similar in that they were U.S. forces working with local communities in need, or humanitarian efforts needed to help people better themselves.”

Ward also served as the commander for Task Force Phoenix, which oversaw debris removal and the Disaster Recovery Jobs Program following the 2011 tornado in Joplin. Looking back on his years of service, Ward says coming back to Joplin to help with recovery efforts was one of his proudest moments.

“It was overwhelming to see all the devastation,” he says. “The house my dad had lived in ... that I used to spend weekends in during Guard drills ... it was totally destroyed.

“I was able to come back to the community I grew up in and give back in a way that was meaningful in a time of need.”

MILITARY HONORS

Brigadier General William (Bill) Ward’s military honors include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, the Army Engineer Association’s Silver Order of the De Fleury Medal and the United States Field Artillery Association’s Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.



ON THE MARCH

Show-Me GOLD officer training program continues growth

The sun was only just coming up as the group finished its march, sitting down to cool off and grab some water at the trailhead in Webb City.

The march had started in darkness about an hour before. Dressed in battle dress uniforms and boots and bearing packs weighing at least 30 pounds, they began their hike on the Frisco Greenway Trail.

At a time when many students are just waking up for class, the members of Show-Me GOLD have already worked up a sweat as part of their regular training regimen.

Over the last few years, young men and women in uniform have become a familiar sight on the Missouri Southern campus. Show-Me GOLD – the Missouri Army National Guard Officer Leadership Program

– continues to teach officer candidates about service and leadership.

One day they are riding in a Chinook helicopter over western Missouri to Ft. Leonard Wood for training. Three times a week, they engage in physical fitness training. The early morning marches are common and help keep them in shape for six-mile road marches in full uniform with packs as well as an annual 5K military fitness challenge.

For the students participating in the program, it can prepare them for a career in the National Guard as they hone their leadership skills.

“I heard about Show-Me GOLD before I joined the military back in 2013,” says Michele Marquez-Johnson, a junior criminal justice major from Wheaton. “I



joined it because I wanted to do more than what the average soldier can do straight out of Basic Training. I wanted to experience the leadership component.

“You learn all kinds of new things. It’s hands-on and really awesome.”

This summer, Capt. Richard Wischmeyer took over as the adviser and professor of military science. A 10-year veteran of the guard, he served in Afghanistan and responded to the Joplin tornado in 2011 and the civil unrest in Ferguson in St. Louis County in 2014.

In 2016, Nathan Skaggs, Carl Junction, Quinn Hobbs, Neosho, and Brandon Walker, Webb City, were commissioned as officers.

Summer 2017 saw two more officers receiving commissions after attending Officer Candidate School. Kenneth Kingcade, Webb City, and Trevor Montgomery, Joplin, attended the accelerated OCS program and were commissioned as Second Lieutenants in September.

Connor Hackworth, Anderson, attended traditional OCS and also was commissioned in September. Jacob A. Williams, Joplin, is attending traditional OCS and is expected to complete the program next year.



Wischmeyer says as many as six Show-Me-GOLD members will attend accelerated OCS in the summer of 2018. He says he hopes to see the program grow by up to 15 percent annually over the next three years.

“In Basic Training, recruits learn teamwork, discipline and basic soldier skills,” Wischmeyer says. “In Officer Candidate School, however, soldiers are trained in the fundamentals of leadership while being tested to determine their mental, physical and emotional potential as leaders.”



HELPING STUDENT VETERANS

Maghan Alberts eases transition to college as veterans services coordinator

It can be a confusing process, making a transition from boots to books.

“Some of the veterans coming to school at Missouri Southern have started the benefits process through the Veterans Administration,” says Maghan Alberts, the university’s veterans services coordinator and advisor of the Student Veterans Association. “There’s a lot of information, and it can be a little overwhelming.”

Alberts’ mission is to make that transition as smooth as possible.

“I’m the primary point of contact for them,” she says. “I explain what VA education benefits are available to them, and direct and guide them through the process of applying for the benefits.”

About 5 percent of Southern’s current students are veterans, she says. That includes those attending under the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill, Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Services and the Missouri Returning Heroes’ Education Act – the latter of which is for those who enlisted in the state of Missouri, served in armed combat and then returned to the state.

“We also offer college credit for military training experience, in-state tuition for all military service members and veterans, and priority registration,” says



FLYING INTO HISTORY

JJC student Maxine Flournoy veteran of WASP program

Maxine Flournoy's place in American history is secure.

After attending Joplin Junior College, Flournoy served as one of World War II's Women Airforce Service Pilots, better known as WASPs. These women flew airplanes of all varieties, towed targets during dangerous training exercises for anti-aircraft divisions and nearly became military pilots themselves.

Flournoy, whose maiden name was Edmondson, enrolled in JJC after graduating from Joplin High School in 1939. She participated in the federally-sponsored Civil Pilot Training (CPT) program, which was offered through the college.

The next year, she left college to work at a defense plant that made bullet shell casings. In 1943, she was contacted by a recruiter for the WASP program. A train trip led to a barracks in Hondo, Texas, for training, followed by Officer Training School in Orlando, Fla.

"They had women flying everything the Air Force had," Flournoy said.

In late 1944, with World War II moving toward its completion, a bill that would have officially put WASPs in the Army Air Forces failed to pass in the U.S. Senate. The WASP program came to an end and she found a job in Alice, Texas. It was there that she met her future husband, Lucian, a petroleum engineer. The two were married for 56 years and raised three children until his death in 2003.

She flew a Cessna 337 after her retirement, until hearing difficulties ended her years as a pilot. In 2010, she and the other WASPs received the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award in the United States.

Today, the former WASP – now in her late 90s – lives in a retirement village in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Alberts. "Some of our veterans, I've never actually met ... they're on active duty while using their benefits. They're complete distance learners."

The assistance provided to veterans is one of the reasons Missouri Southern has consistently been recognized as a military friendly institution.

Dave Irvine, who is studying computer forensics and criminal justice administration, came to Missouri Southern following a long career in the U.S. Air Force.

"I worked avionics on F-16s and was stationed all over ... Georgia, Idaho, New Mexico, Europe, Kuwait and Iraq," he says. "My whole experience in coming to Missouri Southern has been positive. The benefits are awesome, and if you have a problem you can always go to Maghan."

For Alberts, her role at MSSU is a personal one.

"My husband and I met while we were in the Navy in San Diego," she says. "We both served for four years of active duty and then came to Missouri Southern. I graduated in 2000 with a bachelor's in criminal justice and an associate's in law enforcement."

"I've been a strong believer in education for a long time. We have some guys coming home after a rough experience, and anything I can do to help that transition go easier and make them feel comfortable, I feel that's important."




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A STATE OF MIND

Dr. Megan Bever on a quest to visit all of Missouri's courthouses

She'll be the first to admit, it's a bit of a meandering route when making the drive from Joplin to Indiana.

"I drive there a lot to see my nephew," says Dr. Megan Bever, an assistant professor of history at Missouri Southern. "But I-44 is pretty boring, and I really like taking the back roads.

The combination of taking the backroads and an interest in Missouri's history – particularly during the Civil War – has led Bever to attempt to visit every courthouse in the state. She began working toward that goal over the summer and so far has made stops in 40 of the 114 counties and one independent city in the state.

"There are a couple of reasons for doing this," she says. "I wanted to learn more about Missouri's history, and I also do research on the Civil War. In my research, I'm looking at alcohol during the Civil War ... the distillers and bootleggers. Missouri is an interesting case where there were Unionists and Confederates. We were a divided state.

"With the Union Army in control, you had to take an oath of loyalty to sell liquor. If you look at loyalty oaths, you can track them by county and piece together where the liquor trade was flourishing. It helps me get the geography of the state straight in my mind."

Some of her stops at county courthouses include research, while others are just a matter of stopping long enough for a picture and a look at historic markers before hitting the road again.

"Most of the courthouses are on squares, which is a really interesting feature for this state," Bever says. "A lot of them were built in the late 19th or early 20th century, and some are pretty run down. When I visited the courthouse in Van Buren, it had just been flooded."

These journeys have provided her with a fascinating cross section of Missouri's Civil War history – from the Barry County courthouse, which claims to be the "second Confederate capitol," to the Lafayette County courthouse, which still has a cannon ball lodged in a pillar from the Battle of Lexington in 1861.

"Summer is a nice time to do this because I have time to slowly take this meandering route, stop and take photos," Bever says. "Mostly, though, I really like driving the back roads. Sixty to 70 percent of it is the joy of driving on them."



SOMETHING TO *Sing* About

Senior Forrest Bunter accepted into prestigious vocal academy



Music has always been in Forrest Bunter's blood.

In fact, it was during high school marching band practice that his parents first met.

"We've always been a big musical family," says Bunter.

"I started off as a music education major in college, but a few years ago decided to switch to performance. My goal is to go on to grad school for operatic performance and teach at the university level."

His music resume received another boost after his acceptance into the Franco-American Vocal Academy, held last summer in Angers, France. The program, which is affiliated with the University of Texas' Butler School of Music, immerses students from across the world into another culture as they study vocal technique, operatic technique, stage training and more.

Two operas were staged as part of the summer program, and Bunter was cast as Robert in Jacques Offenbach's "La Fille du Tambour Major" ("The Drum Major's Daughter"). The opera – which combines music and spoken dialogue – tells the story of a French soldier who falls for a young woman he believes to be the daughter of a duke, and whose hand in marriage has been promised to another aristocrat.

"I had to have everything prepared and memorized by the time I got there," says Bunter.

He and the other 30 students accepted into the program were housed together and began an intensive four weeks of rehearsals.

Their first performance was at the Tempo Rives festival in Angers, along the banks of the Maine. The final four performances were in the Collégiale Saint-Martin, a Gothic church dating back to nearly eight centuries ago.

"The acoustics in there were beautiful because of the high vaulted ceiling," he says. "But you had to be very careful to stay in time because there was so much reverb."

In addition to forming close bonds with the other participants in the academy, Bunter said the caliber of instructors on hand also made the experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"We had one week with Anne Grappotte, our pianist coach," says Bunter. "She is a coach and pianist who played with many people throughout the 20th century. It was so fascinating to see how she talked about the text. It changed how I approached learning new songs and understanding the songs I already knew."

In the years since the Neosho native began his college career at Missouri Southern, he has participated in a variety of ensembles – both vocal and instrumental – but opera remains his passion.

"It's steeped in a lot of tradition," says Bunter. "There's a different style of singing that goes into it, there are storylines and there's not a lot of music that's performed with a full orchestra. You get the full package."





THE KOREA SEMESTER

"If the outgoing words
are beautiful, then the incoming words
will be beautiful too."

Korean proverb

Missouri Southern celebrated its 21st themed semester this fall with a focus on Korea.

Highlights included a student art exhibition inspired by a recent trip to South Korea, a presentation on current developments in North Korea by Dr. Sheena Chestnut Greitens, a taekwondo demonstration, and 10 acclaimed Korean films presented by the Harison and June Kash International Film Society.

Of course, no celebration would be complete without a real taste of the culture. The university's dining service prepared a full Korean meal, while Jay Jung – owner of Jin's Korean Grill in Springfield – offered cooking demonstrations on campus and downtown during Third Thursday.

Stay tuned for the Scandinavia Semester in Fall 2018!

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Kendrick Carlock
(front left)

RECOGNIZING POTENTIAL

Senior Kendrick Carlock spends summer with St. Louis non-profit

“Transforming Teens. Changing Communities.” – That’s the primary mission of Wyman Inc., a non-profit center in St. Louis that works to empower teens from impoverished areas and prepare them for a successful future.

Kendrick Carlock, a senior public relations and mass communications major, spent his summer as an intern for the program, stepping into a leadership role overseeing 20 staff members and nearly 100 kids - an experience that was as rewarding as it was challenging.

“I ran the team meetings, did staff evaluations and made sure that our teens had everything they needed,” said Carlock. “There was a lot of social work involved, dealing with issues of homesickness and doing some counseling.”

The immersive program is designed to work with teens and help them recognize their potential. It includes mentoring, exploring college and career paths, and community service.

“It was really cool to see the kids coming from different backgrounds but with the same goals,” said Carlock, who has been involved with MSSU’s Southern Ambassadors, Student Senate, and the Residence Hall Association, as well as founding the Black Student Union.. “I built some amazing relationships.”

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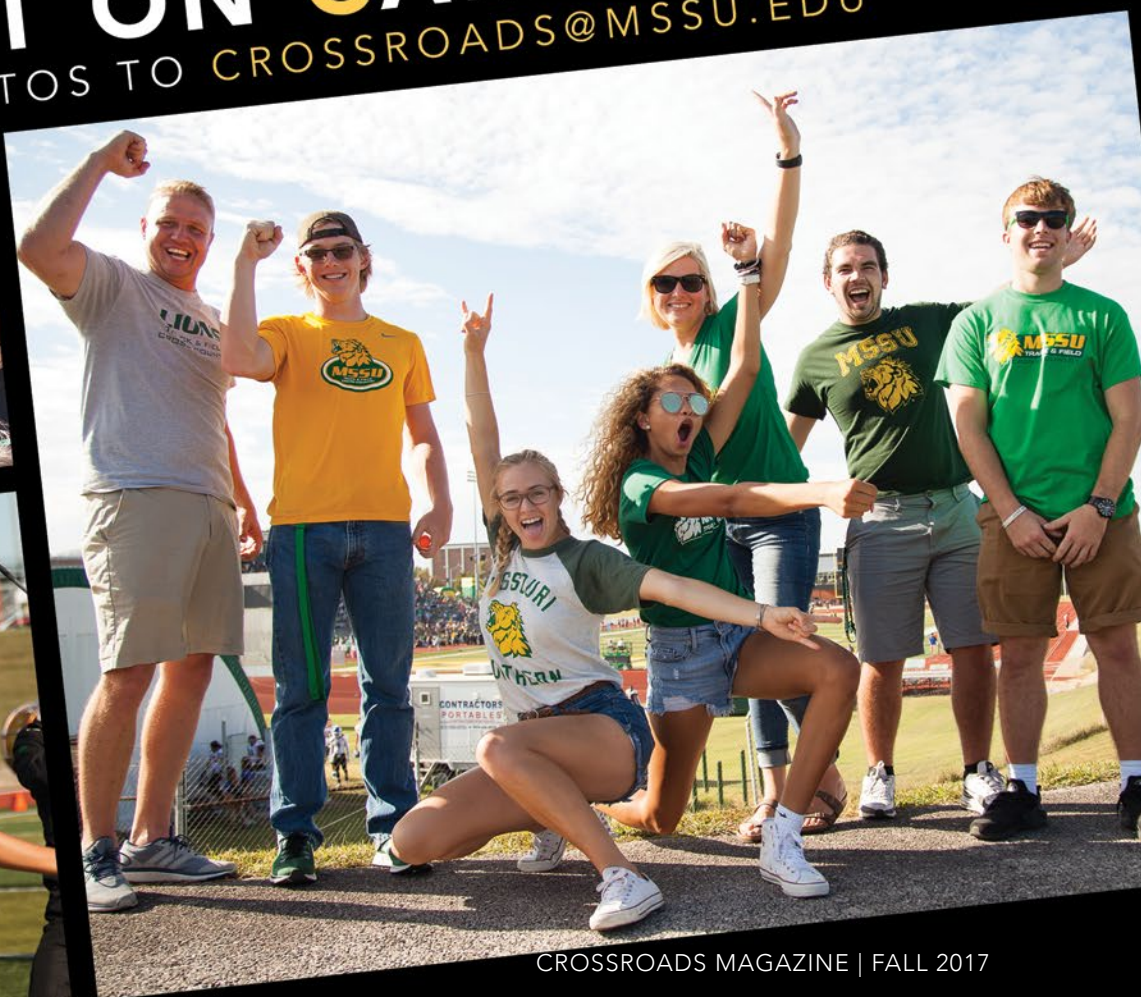
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MASS BAND DAY OFFERS ANIMATED PERFORMANCE

Nearly 800 area high-school students took the field with the Lion Pride Marching Band for a very animated Mass Band Day performance in August. The annual show included students from high schools in Jasper, East Newton, Exeter, Seneca, Neosho, Webb City, Joplin, Miller, Aurora and Diamond.

“This is by far our biggest performance in terms of the number of kids on the field,” said Dr. Rick Espinosa, director of bands at Missouri Southern, who led the group in music from animated films, including “Everything is Awesome” from “The Lego Movie,” “Get Back Up Again” from “Trolls,” and “How Far I’ll Go” from “Moana.”

Senior Hannah Jensen and junior Cameron Langley serve as drum majors for the Lion Pride band. Both said that the Mass Band Day experience is a unique opportunity for everyone involved.

“It was a surreal feeling for me during my first Mass Band Day because I came from a high-school band of about 20 people,” said Jensen. “We had about 400 students with us that year. We hope they have a good time and see how much fun college is.”



MEDICAL EXPERTS PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL OPIOID SUMMIT

Opioid abuse is a problem that’s sweeping the country – and MSSU’s Social Work Department is working to be part of the solution.

The Southwest Missouri Opioid Crisis Summit, organized by One Joplin, was one in a series held around the state to discuss community collaborations needed to combat the opioid addiction epidemic.

Held in October at MSSU’s Young Gymnasium, the event included insights from law enforcement, personal stories from those affected by opioid use, perspectives from a community impact panel, and roundtable discussions. Nearly 450 people were in attendance.

“Opioid addiction is a huge issue in the community,” said Dr. Renee White, chair of the Social Work Department, one of the summit’s sponsors. “Many of the problems we see as social workers have a direct link to drug addiction.”

White said many MSSU social work majors were in attendance, both as volunteers and to learn more about the issue.

“It was a great way to raise understanding and awareness,” she said.





EXPANSION DOUBLES CADAVER LAB

A much-needed expansion has more than doubled the space of the cadaver lab in Ummel Technology Building.

“Previously we had space for four cadavers,” said Dr. Alla Barry, associate professor of biology. The expansion, she said, will allow space for eight and for the dissection class to now be offered in the spring and fall.

Missouri Southern is one of the few four-year universities in the Midwest to have a cadaver lab – giving students a unique advantage as they prepare for their next step. “Our students are very well prepared for medical school,” said Barry.



CHANGES IN STORE FOR GRAPHIC DESIGN PROGRAM

Big changes are in store for students interested in studying graphic design at Missouri Southern.

The program has acquired a 3-D printer and a new laser cutter, with plans to introduce a maker-space and a new curriculum that goes beyond “just a piece of paper in your hand,” says Frank Pishkur, chair of the Art Department.

“We’re working on a lab design that that will take us from a print-based curriculum to a digital facility,” he said. The new offerings will be ready for the Fall 2018 semester.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENT GROUP RAISES FUNDS FOR LAFAYETTE HOUSE

Following a successful Spring 2017 fundraiser, the Criminal Justice Student Association is planning another event to benefit Joplin’s Lafayette House, which provides a safe haven for victims of domestic abuse.

“Last semester, we sold Blue Lives Matter bracelets and raised around \$200,” said Darrin Bentley, senior Criminal Justice Administration major and president of the student group. “It was a small fundraiser, but it went really well. We’re already talking about doing some kind of ruck march in the spring. We want to do it on a larger scale and get the community involved.”



CHART ADDS FIVE MEMBERS TO HALL OF FAME

Three Pulitzer Prize winners, a five-time Emmy Award recipient and a longtime adviser were inducted into The Chart Hall of Fame as part of fall Homecoming activities.

Marion A. Ellis, Rich Hood, Pam Johnson, Liz (DeMerice) Johnson and Dr. Chad Stebbins joined 2012 inductees Kenneth McCaleb, Cleetis Headlee, Jack Brannan and Richard Massa in the Hall of Fame, which adds new members every five years.

Marion A. Ellis was editor of The Chart in 1958-59. While on staff at The Charlotte Observer, he was part of a team that received the Pulitzer Prize for Meritorious Public Service in 1981 for a series on brown lung disease.

Rich Hood worked at The Chart from 1963-65. He worked for the Kansas City Star for 29 years, the last eight as vice president and editorial page editor. He was part of the staff that won a Pulitzer for coverage of the Hyatt Regency hotel disaster in 1981.

Pam Johnson, a Chart staff member from 1965-67, was the first executive director of the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the University of Missouri from 2004 to 2011. She was among the Kansas City Star staff members awarded the Pulitzer for the Hyatt skywalk collapse.

Liz (DeMerice) Johnson, a former editor and reporter for The Chart, is the winner of five Emmy Awards and has 35 years of experience in both print and broadcast journalism. Her award-winning talk show featured guests like future President Barack Obama and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Dr. Chad Stebbins served as Chart adviser from 1984 to 1999. As editor-in-chief he led the Chart to a ‘Best in State’ award in 1981-82, and ‘Best All-Around Non-Daily Newspaper’ national awards in 1995 and 1996. He is the executive director of the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors, and the director of Missouri Southern’s Institute of International Studies.

During the Hall of Fame banquet, it was announced that the Richard Massa Endowed Scholarship has been created. Students who are members of the Chart staff are eligible for the scholarship. For more information, contact the Office of Development at 417-625-9615.



DR. JEFFREY ZIMMERMAN NAMED DEAN OF THE PLASTER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

When Dr. Jeffrey Zimmerman first began studying economics, it was with the intention of one day working with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

But while working on his doctorate, he had the chance to stand in front of a classroom of students – and a new career path was born. This summer, he joined Missouri Southern as the new dean of the Plaster School of Business.

Zimmerman's professional experience includes serving as an assistant professor of economics at the University of New Hampshire, Ithaca College and Clarkson University. He also served as professor and dean of the Reeves School of Business & Economics at Methodist University. Most recently, he served as dean of the Indiana Institute of Technology in Fort Wayne, Ind.

He had several weeks to settle in at Missouri Southern (including a brief stint of dorm life while making the move to Joplin) before the start of the fall semester, and he said it's a school where he immediately felt at home.

What were your earliest impressions of Missouri Southern?

Coming in from outside, there seems to be a world of opportunities here and I'm really excited about it. I also found a lot of nice people who stop whatever they're doing to spend time with you. Everyone has made me feel very welcome.

As dean, what is your vision for the Plaster School of Business?

When I came here to interview, I was asked what my vision was. I said my vision doesn't matter. *Our* vision matters. My contributions to building our shared vision will be along the lines of expanding our accreditation, ensuring our programs are exciting and market-relevant. We also need to be more interwoven in the community.

We live in a rapidly changing business environment. Is it important to teach students to be versatile and adaptable?

That's the biggest challenge facing higher-ed today, preparing our students along those lines. Content is still very important, but today's students have more content in their phones than we have, period. We have to figure out how to teach them research skills, creativity, flexibility and teamwork. The world is changing ... we have to prepare our students to be ready to change, too.



What have you taken away from your career in higher education so far?

It sounds corny, but we're in good hands. You hear a lot about the current generation, but there are a lot of wonderful people and wonderful minds among young people today. One of the things I've gotten out of it is that we're going to be OK.

Outside of work, what are your interests?

Golf. I'm the worst most avid golfer you'll ever meet. I love it, but I'm terrible at it. I also like to read and spend time with friends and family.



HR RANKED IN TOP ONLINE PROGRAMS

Missouri Southern has been ranked in the 2018 Top Online Colleges Offering Human Resources Degrees.

The program was ranked No. 11 on the list, which considers academics and tuition rates among its methodology in order to provide a comprehensive list of colleges offering the best value to students. The annual list is created by SR Education Group. Founded in 2004, the online guide serves as a resource for prospective students by providing information about degrees, tuition, military benefits and more.

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY REACCREDITED BY ABET

The Bachelor's of Science degree program in Industrial Engineering Technology at Missouri Southern has been reaccrated by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of ABET.

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Sought worldwide, ABET's voluntary peer-review process is highly respected because it adds critical value to academic programs in the technical disciplines, where quality, precision and safety are of the utmost importance.

"This esteemed accreditation provides unbiased evidence of our program's outstanding quality and commitment to the advancement of the industrial engineering profession," said Dr. Paula Carson, provost/vice president for academic affairs.

MASTER OF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM CONTINUES GROWTH

The number of students seeking to further their management skills through the new Master of Science in Management program continues to increase. The program, which offers human resource and general management tracks, has grown more than 45 percent over last fall.

Designed with working adults in mind, the program is offered in a hybrid format. Students can complete the degree in as little as three semesters. The program is for graduate students with any academic background who are interested in developing their management skills.



DONORS ESTABLISH \$500,000 BKD ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP

Present and former partners and employees of the Joplin accounting firm BKD, along with other friends of the university, recently joined together to establish a \$500,000 BKD Endowed Professorship in Accounting at Missouri Southern.

The effort will provide a salary stipend to help recruit accounting professors to Missouri Southern. The stipends will be permanently funded with the revenue from the new endowment fund.

Retired BKD partner and current Governmental Accounting Standards board member James E. "Jim" Brown was the catalyst for the effort, said Dr. John Tiede, Missouri Southern Foundation consultant.

Donors were recognized during an event at Missouri Southern's Ralph L. Gray Alumni Center. Brown spoke on behalf of donors, while Mike Gray, a current BKD partner, spoke on behalf of the accounting firm.



BUSINESS STUDENT RECEIVES AWARD FROM DELTA MU DELTA

Adrienne Weston, a senior marketing/human resources and management major, recently received the Delta Mu Delta Regional Award.

Weston, the president of the Missouri Southern chapter of the International Honor Society in Business, applied for the award – which came with \$500 – in May after being inducted into the chapter.

"I was very surprised to win," said Weston. "It's a very competitive field to try and stand out in."

Delta Mu Delta promotes higher scholarship and training for businesses, and recognizes and rewards scholastic achievement in business subjects.

Dr. Jonathan Adongo, assistant professor of economics, serves as the adviser for the university's Lambda Gamma chapter. To be considered for induction, students must be business majors and in the top 20 percent of their class.



SOUTHERN STUDENT FIGHTS HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking is a crime in which one human exploits and controls another. Victims are forced into labor or sex acts. Sometimes the victims are children. It's among the fastest growing criminal businesses in the world.

Rapha House, founded in 2003 and based in Joplin, fights child sex trafficking in Thailand, Cambodia and Haiti.

Ashlee Walter, a senior elementary education major at Missouri Southern, began her work at Rapha House as a volunteer and later became a paid writer for the organization.

This summer, Walter, 24, took another step when she went to Cambodia to work for an organization with similar goals. She helped train teachers at a school located in Phnom Penh's slum, Svay Pac.

Each morning, she traveled from an apartment in the city up the road to the north of Phnom Penh amid a hubbub of bicycles, cars and barking dogs. She made the journey by tuk-tuk, a mechanized three wheel taxi. It was a long ride each way, depending on traffic and the weather.

It wasn't Walter's first time in Asia. Until she was 12, she lived with her missionary parents in Thailand. Then the family moved to Columbus, Ohio, where she spent the rest of her childhood.

In Joplin, she earned a degree in Intercultural Studies at Ozark Christian College before applying for the Teacher Education program at Missouri Southern. She'll complete that degree with honors this December.

Walter says much of the illegal activities in Svay Pac take place in buildings with restaurants in front and massage parlors or full-on brothels in the back. Or it might be a cell phone shop or a karaoke bar in front with doors that lead into a trafficking area in the back.

"I am going to Thailand after I graduate to work in one of Rapha's Safe Houses," Walter says. "They also have Kid's Clubs



in Thailand and Cambodia where children can find a safe place to be taken care of, get proper nutrition and go to school. If the kids' needs are provided, they don't have to seek money somewhere else. An education is a huge tool for them to use."

She says her experience this summer reenforced her goal of helping children in Southeast Asia.

"In Cambodia the people are absolutely beautiful. The kids at the school will just smile and are so filled with joy and hope," she says. "When you're there you are faced daily with children who don't have shoes or an education. You can't go a minute without being reminded of the need that is there."

Walter says once she truly saw the situation, she could not turn back.

"If I can use my gift of teaching to help with this, that is the way I want to use it," she says. "I feel like it's a huge honor to have this opportunity."

To learn more about Rapha House or how to sponsor a child, visit <https://raphahouse.org/>

TEACHER EDUCATION ADOPTS TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL

After the hurricane that hit Texas a few months ago, students and teachers in the flood-beleaguered Cypress Creek area of Houston, Texas, received help from Missouri Southern's Teacher Education Department.

"We reached out to our faculty, staff, and students, and the campus community to raise funds and sent them 31 gift cards

within a week," said Peggy Day, assistant professor of education, who helped select the school from a list of schools in need.

"I cannot thank you and your campus enough for your generosity," wrote the principal of Cypress Hill. "The students of Cypress Creek High School greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness during this difficult time."

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS (LEADERS)

Psychology instructor AmyKay Cole opens practice treating executives with '98 grad Blake Webster



AmyKay Cole, a longtime psychology instructor at Missouri Southern, and her business partner Blake Webster, a 1998 graduate of the program, have opened Executive Psychological Resources in Joplin.

"I think we share the philosophy of really prioritizing confidentiality," says Cole, who met Webster when they worked together at Joplin College Skyline Center. "We decided we wanted something smaller, quieter and with very little interaction in the waiting room."

The pair rented a small office in Joplin's Gryphon Building and, after about a

year, knew they were ready to expand. Shortly before signing a lease on a larger office in the same building, they happened to pass by the empty building on Second Street – the former home of Madison Lane Interiors in the historic Murphysburg neighborhood.

"We had gone out to dinner, with my husband and Blake's wife," she says. "We drove by this place and stopped to look in the windows. We couldn't get it out of our heads."

Many of their clients are business professionals – a group Webster says can be forgotten at times.

If Webster's name sounds familiar, it may be because it stirs memories of the local band – The Websters – that he fronted with his brother, Conrad, dating back to the '90s music scene. "I think psychology is one of the reasons our band never went anywhere, because I always had to get back to my studies," Webster says with a laugh.

"I really learned research chops, what post-graduate work would be like and about the life of psychologists. It's a really impressive program that inspired me to want to do more."



MITTS A WINNER AT GREAT GAME CONFERENCE

While a team from Missouri Southern accepted the Pioneer Award recently at the Great Game of Business' annual Gathering of the Games, it was one professor in particular who had a spotlight of her own.

Maryann Mitts, assistant professor of kinesiology, was given 90 seconds to present details on the Kinesiology Department's "PAUSE for Retention" minigame during the "Show Me Your Minigame" segment.

The contest pitted Mitts against 16 other businesses and organizations. Southern was the only group involved in higher education. Judges wanted to hear about the problem being addressed, players involved, forecasting targets, rewards and method of keeping score – all in 90 seconds.

In her winning presentation, Mitts told the judges that the problem is retention, keeping students in the department as the semesters pass. Two weeks before midterms, kinesiology gives each student a PAUSE (Preparation, Attendance, Understanding, Support and Effort) card for a self-evaluation.

"When our students reach 20 percent participation, they received a green MSSU ink pen," she says. "At 40 percent, faculty had to have a pink streak in their hair. At 60 percent, we did a PAUSE Plunge with faculty jumping in the pool fully clothed immediately after our mass advising day. For the 80 percent participation reward, students got a tailgate at a spring baseball game."

Mitts says when the mini-game effort began at MSSU, her department was determined to be fully involved.

"I think that's because we have background in sports and games," she says. "I have to credit Jean Hobbs, our department chair at the time, for leading the way in getting behind this."

The department received a \$2,500 prize package, which it gave back to the university to support other employees attending Great Game trainings.



PROGRAMS NATIONWIDE USING TEXTBOOK WRITTEN AT SOUTHERN

More than 100 respiratory therapy training programs across the nation are using textbooks written by members of the Missouri Southern/Franklin Tech Consortium for Respiratory Care Education.

“Neonatal/Pediatric Respiratory Simulations” and its instructor’s manual came out earlier this year. Another book, “Respiratory Simulation,” came out in 2015. Both texts, published by Health Educator Publications Inc., have received praising reviews from training programs in a wide variety of settings.

The authors of the book are Sherry Whiteman, instructor, program Director Glenda Pippin, Director of Clinical Education Janice Dunaway, Simulation Center Coordinator Caleb Lewis and the off-campus editor Scot Jones.



The texts include guidelines that enable instructors to run simulations. Scenarios are created that closely reflect those typically seen in hospitals or other clinical settings. In some cases, the book suggests students play the roles of patients, family members and others.

“We knew if we needed this type of book, other educators needed it too,” Whiteman said.

NURSING PROGRAM TOPS COMPETITORS IN AFFORDABILITY

CollegeChoice has ranked the Nursing BSN program at Missouri Southern State University No. 1 in affordability in the Show-Me state.

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) database lists 31 institutions of higher education as offering one or more BSN programs. After analyzing all other programs and schools, CollegeChoice listed its top 10 most affordable schools in the state based on in-state tuition.

“Nursing is a profession that has excellent earning potential,” said Dr. Marcia Fletchall-Wilmes, chair of the nursing department. “Our nursing program is often recognized as being extremely affordable, and this makes it an excellent value for students interested in careers in healthcare.”

In addition to its affordability, the recently expanded program, which now accepts 90 students each year, is known for its academic rigor. The program had a first-time NCLEX-RN pass rate of 100 percent in 2016. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that jobs for registered nurses will grow by 16 percent between 2014 and 2024.

MSSU offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing with two entry/ completion paths. One track is intended for students new to nursing, while the other is an RN completion track.





EMS PROGRAM CHAIR PUBLISHES RESEARCH

“Missouri University’s Outreach Brings Key Skills to Schools” is the title of an article recently published by Edward “Ted” H. Lee, program chair and associate professor for the Emergency Medical Services program.

The article, published in EMS World, outlined what the School of Health Sciences has been doing in the way of outreach to junior high and high schools. Lee says those efforts include bringing hands-only CPR and other lifesaving skills to students.

“These efforts are a matter of extending our reach into the community,” Lee said. “From an EMS standpoint, people who understand the simple skills can have a profound impact during emergency situations. This ends up saving lives and helping EMS responders.”

Lee has seven years of experience in the U.S. Army. He has worked as a paramedic and in EMS education for more than two decades, and has served as a program coordinator of accredited programs for more than 12 years.



DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS RECEIVE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Two dental hygiene students were awarded the Debbie Thompson Spirit of Dental Hygiene Scholarship during the program’s orientation ceremony this summer.

Jaqueline Hernandez, a junior from Webb City and Rosaura Rueda, a senior from Rogers, Ark., were announced as the recipients of the \$2,500 scholarship.

The scholarship was established three years ago by Thompson, who has worked as a dental hygienist for more than 30 years. Each year, the scholarship is awarded to a first-year student and a second-year student. The scholarship will continue into the student’s second year if educational standards are maintained.

Thompson, a former faculty member at Missouri Southern, co-owned dental practices in Joplin and Cassville with her late husband, Dr. Patrick Thompson. During her career, she served as a dental hygienist with the American Red Cross in Japan and wrote columns on the subject for newspapers.

“This year it was amazing,” Thompson says. “Both of the top girls had a 4.0, both had a lot of community service and have given back to society. That’s what I’m looking for. This (scholarship) is given based on the person.”



DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM AMONG THE BEST IN NATION

The Dental Hygiene program at Missouri Southern State University has ranked in the “Top 50 Dental Hygienist Schools” in the nation, according to a survey by TheBestColleges.org.

The organization strives to connect prospective students to the best degree programs available. It surveyed all accredited dental hygienist schools in the U.S. to select 50 that provide students with the best learning experience, noting that Missouri Southern “stood out with an outstanding program.”

Stacie Scrivner, registered dental hygienist and chair of the department at Missouri Southern, said the program takes pride in preparing students to excel in their field.

“We have successful clinical board pass rates of 95 percent, written board pass rates of 92 percent, and job placement of 90 percent,” she said.

Missouri Southern State University’s dental hygiene program began in 1975. Since that time, it has been continually accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

Its dental clinic offers dental cleanings, X-rays and other preventive services to children over age 5, students, people with special needs and senior citizens.



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'US AGAINST THE WORLD'

Former Athletic Directors
Jim Frazier, Sallie Beard
Recall Unique Working
Relationship

Trust ... it's a small word with a large meaning.

And it's what former Missouri Southern Athletic Director Jim Frazier says was the key to his relationship with another former athletic director, Sallie Beard.

"A key word in athletics is trust," Frazier said. "I think Sallie would agree with me, whether it be the sports information director, the head women's basketball coach, or the head football coach, until that trust is established, it will be tough to succeed. Once you get the trust, which Sallie and I went through this process – we didn't buddy right up at the get-go – then there's a respect that's developed. I trust and respect her totally and once that happened we could get a lot of things done."

The working relationship the pair had made a long-lasting impression on the Athletic Department. Both Frazier and Beard were recently recognized with spaces in the North End Zone Facility dedicated in their honor – the head football coach's office was named for Frazier, while a suite in the department now bears Beard's name.

Beard earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Southern in 1972 and began working as an instructor the following August.



"I started shortly after the passage of Title IX in 1972," Beard said. "In 1974, I was approached by five young women at MSSU and they walked into my office and said they'd like to start a basketball team and asked for my help. I said yes, and at that point in time, I had no idea what that simple, one-word response would have as an impact on my life. It was life-changing and career-changing. I had thought all along that I would be a teacher for my career."

During the first year of women's athletics at Missouri Southern, the programs had a budget of \$2,000. That had to cover uniforms for three teams, travel and meals. The softball and basketball teams wore the same uniforms, while the tennis team had their own.

"The attitude of many people, men and women alike, was that women's athletics was a novelty," Beard said. "It took a while for people to realize that women were going to buy into competition and hard work the same way that young men do. We needed to convince administrators that women's sports needed to be funded at the same level that men's sports were and it took a while for funding and scholarships to reach the same level that men's sports did."

Frazier came to MSSU in 1971 from Hastings College in Nebraska and after a 4-6 campaign his first season, he led the Lions Football

team to a perfect 12-0 mark in 1972, culminating in the NAIA Division II National Championship.

“I coached at Hastings, and was also a professor in kinesiology,” Frazier said. “I honestly believe the fact I had teaching experience helped me get this job. I never thought success would come that soon. My wife went looking for a house and I told her to get something we could get rid of quick. The two people before me had been fired, I had to be realistic. What makes me think I can do this?”

Having only moved to the Mission Hills campus a few years earlier, Southern was still somewhat in its infancy. Frazier painted the locker room when he first got to MSSU, while Beard did the laundry for the teams in her own home.

Frazier and Beard worked as colleagues and equals for more than 20 years. Both were named athletic directors of the men’s and women’s programs respectively in 1977 and together they formed a partnership that many in Division II, and college athletics as a whole, envied.

“It was us against the world,” Frazier said. “We were a team and the perception was that we were one and we were committed to the success of the program, as a whole. We were Missouri Southern, not Sallie and Jim. The opportunity was there for us to fail. But we had the ability to communicate that our primary concern was the student-athlete, not us.”

Beard echoed Frazier’s comments.



“Jim and I were in a unique situation in that we saw Missouri Southern go through a number of phases or growing pains if you will,” Beard said. “There was a lot of change. If you look at this campus 30 years ago and what it looks like today, it truly is a university now and that didn’t just happen overnight. Jim and I knew that the rising tide floats all boats and athletics was athletics. Gender wasn’t so much an issue as it was that Missouri Southern athletics had to grow with this university. We were part and parcel of the maturation of Missouri Southern.”

The pair believe that given the uniqueness and relative youth of the school, having two separate athletic directors was very beneficial to the institution.

“There are not that many ‘Sallies and Jims’ in the world,” Frazier said. “Had we had any inkling that we were not going to cooperate with each other, this thing would have gone belly-up. To me, that is the uniqueness of this. I don’t think this would have been able to happen at another institution.”



ENDOWMENT CREATED TO HONOR ATHLETIC TRAINER

The Athletic Department recently announced the creation of an endowment named for longtime athletic trainer Darin Moore, who passed away Nov. 6.

Moore came to MSSU in 2001 as an assistant trainer and in January of 2003 was named the head athletic trainer for the university. He served in that capacity until early 2016, when he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and took a leave of absence.

Upon receiving his diagnosis, the athletic department rallied around Moore, including hosting a fundraiser that helped raise thousands of dollars that went toward his medical costs.

Now, his legacy will be forever remembered at Southern.

The endowment will help fund a scholarship that will be used to support future student athletic trainers wanting to grow in the profession. It was created with support from many current and past employees, friends and student-athletes at Southern.

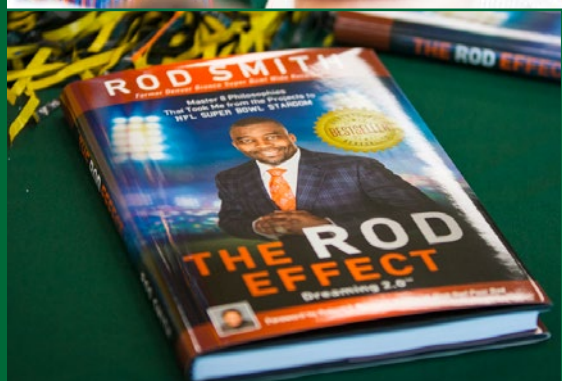
In addition, the doctor’s exam room in the Freeman Athletic Training Center was named in Moore’s honor.

The Darin Moore Examination Room will honor his legacy at MSSU and how he helped thousands of student-athletes in their recovery from injuries.

To support the endowment, visit www.mssu.edu/giving.

'THE ROD EFFECT'

Lions, Broncos standout returns to talk to fans



"Once upon a time, there was a poor little boy from Texarkana, Arkansas, who dreamed big ..."

So begins the blurb on the back of "The Rod Effect" – a recent book

about the principles that helped Smith along his journey from the projects to Missouri Southern, the NFL and beyond.

Dozens of fans gathered on Oct. 21 to hear the former Denver Bronco wide receiver speak about his career, his book and his advice to those following in his footsteps.

The eight principles in his book – including Desire, Responsibility, Mentorship and Integrity – are what guided him along a path to success, he said.

Smith, '93, was a two-time, first-team All-American during his time with the Lions. In 1991, he was named the MIAA's Offensive MVP. A two-time Pro Bowl selection, he holds or shares 11 records at Missouri Southern and left the university as that year's Outstanding Graduate.

He joined the Denver Broncos as a rookie free agent in 1994. He is the team's all-time leader in receiving yards and ranks second on the list for career receptions – collected two Super Bowl champion rings along the way. In 2012,

he was inducted into the Broncos' Ring of Fame following his retirement.

"Have goals and dreams," said Smith. "If you're thinking about stopping, don't. It's the pursuit of your goals and dreams that's important, and the connections you make along the way."

Those connections include the long friendships he had with his former coach at Missouri Southern, the late John Lantz, and Robert Corn, former head coach of the Lions basketball team. They've helped him maintain a long-lasting relationship with his alma mater.

"It's a blessing to come back here. My thing is relationships ... you've got to learn from them," he said. "You surround yourself with good people with the right energy. I want to be able to take what they poured into me and pour it into someone else."

To those following in his footsteps, he offered two key words of advice: Enjoy it.

"When you're a young man playing football in high school or Pop Warner, it's fun," said Smith. "In college, you start thinking about the next level, but don't enjoy this level. Enjoy it. Have fun and put everything you have into it. If the next level is for you, it will find you. Trust me."

Following his presentation, the Athletics Hall of Fame: Rod Smith Digital Gallery in the lobby of the North End Zone Facility was dedicated in his honor.

FOUR INDUCTED INTO ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

A two-sport athlete, a baseball player, a track-and-field athlete and a former faculty athletic representative were inducted into the Missouri Southern Athletics Hall of Fame this year, bringing the group's roster to 121 members and two teams. Following a social and luncheon, they were introduced to fans during halftime of the Sept. 16 game vs. Emporia State.



Dr. Wayne Harrell (meritorious)

Harrell was an instrumental part of Missouri Southern's transition and move from the ranks of the NAIA to the NCAA Division II in the late 1980s. Harrell served as a professor at Missouri Southern in the music department for 24 years from 1971 until his retirement in 1995.

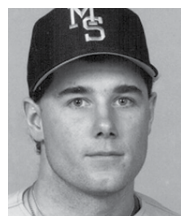
He served as the Missouri Southern Faculty Athletic Representative from 1988-95 and served as the President of the MIAA from 1993-95. He was chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee at MSSU and has been an active Lionbacker for many years. He passed away on Nov. 11.



Joey Ballard (baseball and football – 1999-02)

Ballard holds the distinction of being the only person in MIAA history to be named a league Freshman of the Year in two sports, honors he earned in 1998 for football and 1999 for baseball.

A three-time honorable mention All-MIAA selection in football, Ballard was a four-time All-MIAA pick in baseball, earning honorable mention All-MIAA three times and was a second-team All-MIAA pick his senior season. He graduated from Missouri Southern in 2002 with a degree in criminal justice and resides in Joplin.



Jim Baranoski (baseball – 1986-89)

Baranoski was a four-year letter winner for the Green and Gold in the late 1980s. During his career, he was an honorable mention All-CSIC selection in 1987, while earning a spot on the District 16 All-Tournament team in 1987, as well. He was a first-team All-CSIC and All-District selection in both 1988 and 1989.

Baranoski's name can be found all throughout MSSU baseball records, but amongst the numerous listings, he is known as the most prolific power-hitter to ever wear the uniform. His 41 career home runs are the most of any player at MSSU, while he is second with 181 career RBIs. He also ranks fifth in career walks with 135, and second in career sacrifice flies with 15, while ranking fourth in both career slugging (.662) and on-base percentage (.496).

He graduated from Missouri Southern in 1989 and resides in Plainfield, Ill.



Michelle Heimerman

(women's track and field – 1996-97)

Heimerman was a two-year letter winner for the Lions from 1996-97.

She was an All-American in the hammer throw for the Lions in both 1996 and 1997, and held the Missouri Southern school record in the event until 2000 at 171 feet. She transferred to Missouri Southern from Coffeyville Community College where she held that school's record in the hammer at 160 feet until 2000.

Heimerman was a member of the MIAA Academic Honor Roll and was an MIAA Scholar-Athlete, graduating from Missouri Southern in 1998 with a degree in criminal justice. She currently serves as a victim advocate for the Barry County Prosecutor's office in Cassville, Mo.

TAYLOR GRIFFITH HITS THE GREEN IN SEARCH OF PGA GOLD

Taylor Griffith started playing golf when he was 7 years old. A year later, his dad got him his first set of clubs as a birthday present.



The MSSU alum and former golf team member – who graduated in 2010 with a BSBA in marketing and management – made the most of that gift, becoming an instructor and golf pro. Last year, he decided to pursue his passion as a career.

The Joplin resident played in local tournaments before entering a PGA of America sectional championship tournament. His second-place finish earned him a spot in the PGA Professional Championship in June in Sunriver, Ore.

Though falling short of a top 20 finish that would have earned him entry into the PGA Championship, he had several more opportunities lined up. After wrapping up the regular season with several tournaments in August, Griffith played in the Wells Fargo Nebraska Open in September and the Web.com qualifying school in October.

"There is more strategy involved," he said of the difference between amateur and pro golf. "I spend a lot more time in a practice round scouting a course and planning where to put my shots as opposed to just, 'What club do I use?'"

CLASS NOTES

Let us know what's going on in your life! Email us at alumni@mssu.edu

1970s

Sallie Beard, '72, was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

1980s

Lee Ann Sontheimer Murphy, '83, is a staff writer and reporter for the Neosho Daily News in Neosho, Mo. She also recently published a new book, "Still Waters Run Deep."

Kelly Wilson, '83, is the financial aid officer at Carthage R-9 Technical Center in Carthage, Mo.

Michael Mitchell, '85, is the vice president of human resources and administration for Consolidated Chassis Management, LLC. in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Carmen Campbell Wilke, '86, is the senior vice president of sales at Corky's Footwear, Inc.

Janell Landoll Patton, '89, was named one of Connection Magazine's "10 Influential Women of Southwest Missouri." Janell is the director of community relations and volunteer services for Cox Monett Hospital in Monett, Mo.

1990s

T. Rob Brown, '94, accepted a full-time position as instructor of visual communication at Texas A&M International. He will advise the student newspaper while teaching photography and journalism courses.

Ryan Johannes, '92, has a Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma and a LL.M Master of Laws in Taxation from the University of Houston Law Center. He was appointed a United States Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration Office of Disability Review and Adjudication in June 2012 and currently serves in the Reno, Nev., office.

Tabitha Pendleton, '94, is an implementation project manager at VinSolutions in Mission, Kan.

Mende Staggs, '94, is Keto instructor and coach with the Lipedema Project.

Bradley Staggs, '94 and '06, is a registered critical care nurse with Mercy Hospital in Joplin.

Dr. Shelly Lemons, '95, is an associate professor of history and Honors Program director at McKendree University in Lebanon, Ill. She was awarded the 2017 William Norman Grandy Faculty Award. This award is given by the university Alumni Association and is based on commitment to students, the ideals promoted by the university and community participation. It is the highest honor that McKendree University awards.

Paula Smith, '95, is the manager of marketing and investor relations at Missouri Valley REIT in Springfield, Mo.

James Kinder, '98, is the athletics facility coordinator for MSSU.

James Sigler, '98, is a teacher at the Carthage Intermediate Center in Carthage, Mo.

2000s

Chris Rugar, '00, is adjunct professor of chemistry at MSSU.

Stacey Clay, '02, is the new Coordinator of International Admissions at MSSU.

Levi Convirs, '02, is the sports information director at Friends University in Wichita, Kan.

Jason Weaver, '02, was named the principal of Jefferson Elementary in Joplin.

Dr. Dan Jones, '06, joined the Freeman Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine team in Joplin.

Craig Gullett, '08, has been named the Assistant Director of Student Life at MSSU.

Darren Morgan, '08, was named the Joplin School District's Teacher of the Year. Darren is an eighth grade American history teacher at South Middle School.

Katie (Wooldridge) Crigger, '08, was awarded the MCDA Outstanding District Director in the Southwest District.

Alesha Gilleland, '09, is a special education teacher in Lewisville, Texas. She received the Cain Sczepanski Foundation Award for Excellence in Special Education for the work she does with her students.

Emily Lansford, '09, is an infrastructure asset program analyst for the Missouri Department of Conservation.

2010s

Will Lynch, '10, was recognized by the Kappa Sigma fraternity as an Outstanding District Grand Master.

Nicole Corcoran, '11, is a marketing consultant with AMI Radio in Joplin.

Jennifer Lynn Murphy, '11, was named one of the 2017 Top 100 Women of the Year for Las Vegas by the MYVegas Magazine.

Landon Adams, '12, is the Director of Student Life and Conduct at MSSU.

Nathan Bramwell, '12, is the Director of Ticket Sales and Operations at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill.

Evan Baker, '13, passed his exam to become a Certified Financial Planner.

Ryan Prisock, '13, graduated from the Washington University School of Law and passed the Bar Exam.

Jodi Samuel, '13, is the manager and lab technologist at Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in Tortola.



Joshua Boley, '14, is a photographer's assistant for Bass Pro.

Samantha Zoltanski, '14, is a manager for American Boarding Schools International.

Brett Dieckhoff, '15, was recognized as one of Missouri's Outstanding Beginning Teachers by the Missouri Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. He is a high school social studies teacher for the Webb City School District.

Chrissy Elledge, '15, was honored by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce as the Golden Apple Award recipient for grades 3 through 5. Chrissy is a third-grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary.

Shelby (Romines) Liska, '15, is a first-grade teacher for the East Newton School District in Granby, Mo.

Nicklas Polizzi, '15, is a chemist at Willamette Valley Company in Eugene, Ore.

Mary Black, '16, was recognized as one of Missouri's Outstanding Beginning Teachers by the Missouri Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. She is an eighth-grade special education teacher for the Webb City School District.

Amber Brand, '16, joined the Marshfield Area Community Foundation as the coordinator of their Board of Governors.

Zack Wages, '16, was admitted to the KCU-Joplin medical school.

Lindsay (Baker) Aycock, '17, is the Assistant to the Director of Development at the Children's Advocacy Center of Benton County in Bentonville, Ark.

Courtney Catron, '17, is a dental hygienist at Cornerstone Dental in Carthage, Mo.

MARRIAGES

Ryan Priscock, '13, and **Suzy Bradley** were married Nov. 18, 2016.

Seth Creed, '07, and **Lauren Merrett** were married on April 29, 2017.

Aaron Dunbar and **Whitney Koch, '14**, were married on June 3, 2017.

Jarrett Epperson, '17, and **Lacy Resa** were married on July 1, 2017.

Brandon Williams and **Alyssa Karel, '09**, were married on July 1, 2017.

Bartholomew John and **Whitney Hardy, '16**, were married on Aug. 5, 2017.

LION CUBS



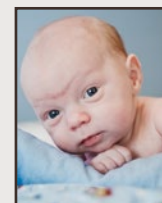
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Maye
Fuller



Eliana
Kay
Silvertooth



Lucas
John
Jewsbury

John and Bethany (Frerer) Filakouridis, '07, welcomed **Joshua Luther** on Jan. 24, 2017.

Matthew and Danielle (DeVader) Falor, '08, welcomed **Connor Evan** on March 20, 2017

Spenser and Lauren (Dunn) Repogle, '14, welcomed **Rhett Raph** on April 5, 2017

Ryan and Meagan (Jones) Milliken, '14, welcomed **Benton Javon** on April 6, 2017

Ben, '08, and **Kiley (Aasby) Crowe, '12**, welcomed **Neil Thomas** on April 10, 2017

Isaac and Sarah (Hamill) Daugherty, '07, welcomed **Liam Thomas** on April 13, 2017

Terry and Falcia (Phipps) Fuller, '09, welcomed **Nora Maye** on May 25, 2017.

Clint and Tiffany (Miller) Silvertooth, '09, welcomed **Eliana Kay** on June 12, 2017.

Evan, '09, and **Nisha Jewsbury** welcomed **Lucas John** on May 24, 2017

Patrick Hester, '12, and **Laina Irving** welcomed **Mason Patrick Hester** on July 1, 2017.

Dusty, '06, and **Melinda (Chrisman) Feather, '04**, welcomed **Emery Faye** on July 20, 2017.

IN MEMORIAM

STUDENTS

Jordan Berns
Sept. 10, 2017

ALUMNI

Robert T. Hacker, '92
Jan. 25, 2017

Terry G. Darby, '91
March 5, 2017

Joyce L. Braudaway, '98
March 13, 2017

Helen M. Jennings, '02
March 14, 2017

Larry "Jay" Williams, '75
March 16, 2017

Jerry R. Adkison, '75
March 16, 2017

Dale M. Garrett
April 5, 2017

Mary DeLand, '69
April 6, 2017

Billie J. Lentz, '78
April 9, 2017

Gloria J. Skelton, '93
April 12, 2017

**Leona (Longstreet) Petty Con-
row, '44**
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Alice (Baumann) Hosfield, '56
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Frank W. Owsley, '64
April 29, 2017

Dennis Coffel, '73
June 2, 2017

Larry F. Granger, '88
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Cecil L. Blankenship, '60, '69
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Lynn Cragin Prescott, '41
July 1, 2017

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Shirley A. Wano, '91
July 10, 2017

Marcelay Sharp, '87
July 13, 2017

Charles K. Emmert, '88
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Karen Lawson, '99
July 26, 2017

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Linda (Spangler) Cofer
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Garry E. Kelley, '58
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Bryan Daughtery, '82
August 29, 2017

Doris Farris, '71
Sept. 3, 2017

**Judith (Timberman)
Ramsay, '56**
Sept. 6, 2017

David L. Gilbreth, '66, '76
Sept. 6, 2017

Robert L. Rader, '61
Sept. 15, 2017

Mary Paden, '75
Sept. 17, 2017

FRIENDS

Kenneth McWilliams
March 12, 2017

Doris Elgin
March 17, 2017

Christine Betz
March 17, 2017

Dr. Phil Harrison
April 10, 2017

Malcolm Robertson
May 13, 2017

Austin Harrison
May 29, 2017

Lorene Kester
June 27, 2017

Dennis Haskins
July 1, 2017

James Hess
July 5, 2017

Frank H. Settle
July 6, 2017

Ronald L. Morrill
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Jan Tupper
July 12, 2017

Anna Hill
July 31, 2017

Leonard Luehring
Aug. 3, 2017

Marjorie Cooper
Aug. 4, 2017

Jerry Pryor
Sept. 6, 2017

FACULTY & STAFF

Iva "Sue" Dean
Support Staff, 1996 - 2011
April 13, 2017

Ethel Caldemeyer
*Administrative Assistant,
1967 - 1981*
April 17, 2017

Dr. Leland D. Easterday
Teacher Education, 1967-1987
April 26, 2017

Dr. Vernon Baiamonte
*Physical Science Dept Head/
Chemistry, 1968-1998*
June 26, 2017

Linda Garza
*Administrative Assistant,
2007 - 2014*
July 9, 2017

Dr. Vernon "Ben" Peterson
Foreign Language, 1979 - 2007
Aug. 8, 2017

Darin Moore
Athletics Trainer, 2003 - 2017
Nov. 6, 2017

Dr. Wayne Harrell
Music, 1970-1995
Nov. 11, 2017

Why I GIVE

DR. JOEL TUPPER

Roots are important to Dr. Joel Tupper, who graduated from Missouri Southern with a bachelor's in biology in 1983.

During his time prepping for medical school at the university, he played football for the Lions as an offensive lineman. He was a two-time first-time all-MIAA pick, and an all-American and academic all-American in 1982.

An orthopedic surgeon, Tupper went on to medical school and practiced in the in the Oklahoma City area. But staying connected to his alma mater has remained a priority.

"Missouri Southern is a big part of me," says Tupper. "I try to come back for games and to visit ... it's a great place to come and reconnect."

He is one of the many generous alumni and supporters who made the recent renovations to Reynolds Hall possible through their financial support.

When he was approached about giving toward the project, Tupper says he was shown several photos that were immediately familiar to him.

"I said, 'Oh, that's Reynolds Hall from back when I was there,'" he says. "But I was told, 'No, these were taken last week ... that's why we're here, because we'd like to update the facilities.'"

"I was fortunate enough to have the means to donate to the project."

The Geology Prep room on the third floor of Reynolds Hall has been dedicated to his father, Jan C. Tupper, one of the original Lionbackers.

"Dad was a huge influence in my life, and we lost him this summer," he says. "He was a geologist, and I thought it would be nice to put his name on the lab."



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